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Luther League Review

THE YOUTH MOVEMENT within the United Lutheran Church is sober, serious and sensible.

The YOUTH MOVEMENT out in the world is unsteady, shallow and silly.

The YOUTH MOVEMENT everywhere is self-assertive. Youth is demanding self-expression.

Within the Church, Youth is less easy under an imposed adult leadership. Youth seeks a place to invest its talents after its own plans and under its own leadership.

The LUTHER LEAGUE claims and organizes Lutheran Youth. Under a Youth leadership, a Youth program, with a Youth spirit, the Youth of the United Lutheran Church are offered the rights of self-expression. Our Youth satisfies its desire for self-imposed objectives while doing vast service for Christ and His Church. Our Youth practices self-determination while training for the wide leadership of the Church of the next generation.

Youth has a big heart but a small pocketbook. The SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP is the OPPORTUNITY for the FRIENDS OF OUR YOUTH to STAND BY and STAND UNDER.

An Easter Message

Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D.

Christmas is the *happiest* day in the year; *Good Friday* is the *saddest;* but *Easter* is the most *blessed.* Without Easter there could have been no *Ascension Day,* no *outpouring* of the *Holy Ghost,* and therefore no Church and no completed *Bible. Easter gives Life to all these!* It alone proved that Christ was the *Son of God,* and on Easter He *completed redemption.*

Without Easter a *mere babe* would have been born on Christmas; only a *good man* would have been crucified on Good Friday—and *that would have ended all!* We would yet be in our sins and Heaven would be closed to us.

But *since* Christ is risen from the dead, *His* wonderful *victory* becomes *ours.* Now the Christian need not fear death. The dark, forbidding grave becomes a *restful couch.* On it He peacefully sleeps until the *last* and *greatest* Easter—the *Resurrection Morn.*

No longer is the grave sealed, no Caesar, no Satan can *keep* it closed. Our beloved ones who sleep in Jesus will come forth again, and there will be a *happy reunion.*

Easter brings lasting joy. It always *follows* Good Friday. It gives us a *living*—not a *dead*—Saviour. It is the bright *morn after* the dark *night.* It dissipates despair, gloom and sorrow. To the Christian Good Friday cannot *continue.* His sadness will *always* be turned into joy. No matter how dark or forbidding events may seem, the *sun will invariably shine again.* Our tears will cease to flow, and what we may have considered *lost* will be restored to us in double measure.

The Easter joy compels expression. The message regarding the risen Saviour was *too wonderful* to be withheld from the disciples, from the women, and from all along the way. It is the *greatest,* the *happiest theme* today. It is heralded in speech and song. It is broadcast throughout all the world. It is the message to the heathen, to the Jew, to the unsaved everywhere. Its joy brings the joy to the angels over the sinner that repents. *It is the only message that can and will save. Luther Leaguers, carry* that joyful message, *send* it, *preach* it, *teach* it to *all* the world!

Easter expresses the true resurrection. All nature sheds its sombre robe and arrays itself in green and white and gold. The *death* of Winter has *gone.* The *life* of Spring has *come.* The warmth of the rising sun brings the rippling rills, the singing birds, the chirping insects, the skipping lambs: all gloom is forgotten in the universal joy!

What message has Easter for the Luther League? The message of *Life, LIFE, L-I-F-E ! More abundant vigor, activity, growth! Greater joy in the service of the risen Saviour!*

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Load Lifters

THE *Sustaining Membership* is a challenging idea! It was born at a critical hour in Luther League history and it was most fittingly named.

Old Friends

The hour is the growth of a new leadership. Most of the first pioneers who blazed the trail of a Lutheran Youth Movement are no longer active Luther Leaguers. They have raised up their successors, as good workmen in Church and State will do. These they have trained and aided in every possible way. Their spirit of helpfulness still lives. The *Sustaining Membership* gives these "Luther League Alumni," a chance to show their love for "Alma Mater."

New Friends

There has also been a change in relationship of the League. Now it is *The Official Young People's Society* of the *United Lutheran Church.* By this adoption a great host of relatives are discovered. Uncles, aunts, sisters, brothers; it was a big, generous-hearted family into which the Luther League came. These relatives are mightily interested in the Luther League. They want to show their interest in a practical way—a way that buys clothes, and food and supplies all the needs of the new member of the family. For them too the *Sustaining Membership* was created. Interest in the League may be translated into *Gifts for the League.*

A Love Gift

Enthusiasm has been growing apace in the Luther League, specially these last ten years. Leagues have been formed all over our great Church and these Leagues have paid their dues, they have contributed liberally toward missionary and other causes. But they recognize that *twenty-five cents per member per year* would never pay for all they have received. The *Sustaining Membership* offers the opportunity for which they have been looking. Local Leagues, District Synodical and State Leagues have risen to the call and taken out *Sustaining Memberships* to the tune of their appreciation of the Luther League of America. There is *joy* in their giving for it is so entirely voluntary. It is a gift of *love.*

The Price of Growth

It was also a critical hour because the Luther League has been growing so rapidly in its plans and program. Like a husky, growing youngster, its clothes did not grow with it. Ten years ago fifteen cents per member were the dues. Now with everything costing double or more, and our program expanded, our staff of specialists increased, and our literature grown to fine proportions, the dues are twenty-five cents.

The *Sustaining Membership* not only offers an opportunity for every friend of the Luther League to "Say it with green-backs" but it meets an absolutely critical financial need. Now we depend on that income as we take forward, brave steps ahead on avenues of larger service.

Well Named!

Sustaining Membership! That means something. This child was not named by opening the dictionary at random and picking out the name at the top of the first column of the page. *Sustaining* means to *stand under!* Isn't that just what the *Sustaining Member* does? The whole program of the Luther League is just as dependent on those friends who *stand under* as is the sky-scraper on its deep laid foundations. *Standing Under!* The friend who *stands under* in the time of need is a real *member* of the family. *Do you want to stand under the program of the Luther League of America?* Be a *Sustaining Member!*

Send your contributions of Five Dollars or more, with your name and address to John Greiner, Jr., Secretary, 400 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, Pa. Do it now!

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This roll is corrected to March 1st. Omissions should be called to the attention of Mr. Greiner.

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MEETING HIM

I saw him once;
He stood a moment there.
He spoke one word
Which laid his spirit bare.

He grasped my hand,
Then passed beyond all ken;
But what I was
I shall not be again.

—*S. V. M. Bulletin.*

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

BEST YET

A letter from Dr. Chas. S. Bauslin several days before the Day of Prayer for Colleges and Life Service Day, says, "Our first edition of the Life Service Day Program has already been exhausted. We are going to press with the second. There has been an unusually large demand for our two pageants—demands for literature come to our office continually throughout the year. There is scarcely a week passes but that we save some requests, with the possible exception of the summer months." Encouraging? It sure is! It shows that cooperation pays and that the Luther League is getting on the job. What will we be able to accomplish when once *all* the boards and recruiting agencies of our Church get to working together? Now send those signed Decision cards *direct to* Philadelphia, to League Headquarters and they will be filed, duplicates made and the prospects will be followed up.

Will you, Leaguer, frankly answer a question? Do you think we might find a time in the year better suited for the Day of Prayer and Life Service Day than the last Sunday in February? If so when would you suggest? One reason many churches do not observe it now is because they have their Lenten program made out and will not deviate from it. Please write us your opinion.

We are too busy to tell every editor personally of the merits of his State or District Paper so we are doing that here. Some real editors and leaders are being developed and others are being discovered and leaders is after all what we are after. Pass your paper on to the officers of the other States, Districts and locals.

By the Way

Have you made up that list of High School Seniors and mailed it to your nearest Lutheran College? Yes!

What Do You Do Best?

We recently read an editorial in a Daily Newspaper under the above caption. We shall reproduce the same in substance and ask you what you think of Dr. Brigham's argument. If we decide that he is right there is quite conclusive evidence that our "tastes" need to be greatly cultivated. If his argument is based on facts our "wants" and "likes" need to be directed into different channels from those where most of them are at present. It will be up to us to learn why we do not "want" to give more serious consideration to the "thunderous calls" to enlist in the army of the King as leaders in some one of the various splendid and urgent opportunities open to us. Since the ranks of the Christian leadership must yet go begging there is surely ground for most serious reflection on the "tastes," "desires," "wants," or whatever we may choose to call it. Perhaps the cultivation started too late in life. Think through the substance of this editorial which follows:

"A young man is undecided what trade or profession he is best fitted to train himself for. To help him make up his mind, many colleges now have 'vocational guidance experts.' There are similar efficiency doctors—pensonality engineers—in private life, charging a fee, doing a big business.

The theory of these experts is that each of us has certain natural abilities. One is 'cut out to be' lawyers, doctors, dentists, carpenter, machinist, salesman, promoter, organizer and so on.

And, the expert's reason, a man is apt to be a failure if he follows the wrong line.

Prof. Carl C. Brigham, psychologist, of Princeton University, attacks this theory that each of us has a highly developed gift for one kind of kork and not for others.

He says, for instance, that a student's inability in a certain branch is in reality a matter of distaste and emotional bias rather than natural inability.

In other words, a student is a star at mathematics because he likes it, not because he has a gift for figures.

Another shows up poorly at mathematics for the reason that he dislikes it.

Many a man gravitates into the legal profession, spurred by the desire to live a lawyer's life, and only secondarily urged forward by a talent for his profession.

We are like the average boy who at some time or other has a burning ambition to be a railroad man. What he really wants is travel.

The thing you most want to do is apt to be the thing you would do best. The line of work that will enable you to live the kind of existence you crave, is where you probably would put forth your best efforts.

A trade or profession, after all, is merely a means to and end. The end or goal may be wealth, power, applause, dignified standing, short hourse of toil, travel, companionship, pleasant surroundings, quest for the mysterious or unknown.

Simmered down, it all confirms the ancient saying that a man does his best when his heart is in his work."

A MAN WHO WANTED TO BE A MINISTER

We are indebted to Mr. H. T. Stock, of the Congregational Education Society, for calling our attention to several paragraphs from the pen of Dr. Carl S. Patton, in which he states some reasons why he entered the ministry. It was our privilege to hear Dr. Patton on several occasions before he west West to become Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, Cal., so the reasons are doubly interesting to us. It is very evident that he entered his life work because he "liked" the work and because he "wanted" to do so. Let him speak to us.

"My father was a minister and many ministers used to come to our house. They seemed to me generally to be a fine upstanding lot of men. They had influence in their communities. They counted. I took note of that, as a boy.

"The reason that some fellows gave for not going into the ministry did not appeal to me. Some of them said you couldn't have your freedom in the ministry; but I thought a man who deserved his freedom would get it wherever he was. Some of them turned from the ministry because, as they said, they weren't good enough. I wasn't good enough either. But I always thought that if a man was good enough to be a member of a church he was good enough to be a pastor of one. And I hoped maybe I might get a little better as I went along. I thought I could probably behave myself well enough so as not to be a scandal on a noble profession. Some fellows said they wouldn't be ministers because they didn't want their conduct scrutinized and criticized by everybody in the parish. But that didn't bother me. Some fellows would not go into the ministry because, as they said, they hadn't anything to preach. But I didn't see why a fellow should expect to have anything to preach till it was time to preach it. In short, the reasons why many good men turned away from the ministry seemed to me trivial, flippant, unworthy or absurd. I had lived in a minister's family and didn't see any bars up.

"I liked books. And it seemed to me that a man who liked books had a better opportunity to read and study, and to read and study whatever interested him, than a man in any other calling. I thought I could see the difference between some ideas and some others and that nothing influenced people more than the fundamental ideas they held and that nobody had a better chance to help mold those ideas than a minister.

"The idea of conducting a funeral terrified me; therefore, I didn't dwell on it. I knew I shouldn't know what to say to people who were in sorrow but I thought maybe I could listen well.

"And rising out of all these difficulties that one might find in the ministry and far above any mere intellectual or other personal advantages in it, there kept coming to me the idea that if a man could be a fairly decent minister, could learn something as he went along and could communicate it with reasonable force and clearness to his people, could become in any real sense, however restricted, a leader in the moral and spiritual life of his community, there was not any other calling in the world in which he could do so much good as he could in the ministry. I kept coming back to that idea. I believe it was true then. I believe it is true now. And I thought a man ought to put his life where it would do the most good.

"I went into it heartily, without more misgivings than a young man will have about any untried course. And I have had a glorious time of it. I wish I had done it better. But every day I thank God that somehow he steered me away from everything else and opened this wonderful door to me."

Missionary Department

"Come" and "Go"

SECRETARIAL CHAT

Many letters have been received from missionary secretaries asking how the missionary activities of their Luther League may be promoted. A lesson along this line may be learned from the North Carolina Leagues. Last year they reported forty mission study classes. A mission study class is a splendid method of promoting missionary activities.

Have you a mission study class in your League; or have you had one within the last year? One meeting a week for six weeks or one meeting each evening for one week will afford opportunity for the study of one mission text book, and will be an effective way of presenting the missionary message to the members of a League. A mission study class may be such a class that all of the members who have been enrolled will express a feeling of relief when the last session has been closed. Or it may be such a class that there will be general regret when the last lesson has ended. Successful mission study classes have been held in the city, the town, and the country.

If your League studies a book on Latin America, do not be afraid that you will detract from the interest of the class by serving refreshments. Require all of the members who help in serving to serve only those things which come from Latin America. Bananas may be served one evening; pine apple, another; coffee with sugar to sweeten it another; Brazil nuts another. Find your own menus for the other evenings.

Many mission study classes are using the book, Prayer and Missions. Since our regular monthly missionary meetings are based on the book on Latin America, another subject may be better for the mission study class. A free leaflet "Suggestions to Mission Study Class Leaders" may be obtained from Literature Headquarters..

Complete statistics as to the missionary activities of our many Luther Leagues have never been collected. An effort has been made along this line; but the result has been very incomplete statistics. If the missionary secretaries of every local Luther League and of every state or district Luther League will write to the general Missionary Secretary and give her a complete report of the missionary activities, excluding the Andhra Christian College project, such statistics will be put together and we shall have the pleasure of knowing what we really are doing along this line. All Luther Leagues will be interested in knowing how many missionaries are supported, how many churches have been helped, how many hospitals have been built by our various Luther Leagues. If any Luther League has no missionary secretary, the president of the League should either appoint a missionary secretary, or send the information asked for to the general Missionary Secretary.

Many of our young people are applying for positions through teachers' agencies and through other agencies. They may be interested in knowing of the following vacancies:

TEACHERS NEEDED

General—Africa—two women.

Home Economics—Argentina—one woman. Japan—one woman.

Kindergarten — Africa — One woman. Japan—one woman.

Music—Japan—one woman.

Normal—India—One woman.

Physical Education—Japan—one woman.

PHYSICIANS

Liberia—two men. India—two women.

NURSES

Africa—two women. India—two women.

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STORY CONTEST

A CHANCE FOR EVERY LUTHER LEAGUER

A prize of $20.00 is offered for the best story, suitable for the Missionary Page of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, the story to be written by a member of a Luther League. Every president and every missionary secretary are asked to present this matter to their Leagues and to have posted in their Luther League rooms posters telling of the contest. The following conditions govern the contest:

1. The stories must be written by active members of Luther Leagues.

2. They must not contain more than 7500 words.

3. They must be typewritten.

4. They must be submitted to the state missionary secretaries by the last day of July, 1926.

5. Each story must be accompanied by a sealed envelope having on the inside the real name and address of the writer and on the outside the same fictitious name that appears on the first sheet of the story.

6. The prize will not be awarded unless, in the opinion of the committee, there is a story suitable for publication in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

A committee will be appointed in each state to judge the stories and one or more stories from each State will be sent to the final committee. The names of this committee will be announced in a later issue. Only those stories which are accompanied by return postage will be returned to the writers.

All questions with reference to the contest will be answered by Miss May Scherer, Marion Virginia, who is the Missionary Secretary of the Luther League of America.

The Social Meeting

During April the League will likely want to hold a social in honor of the Confirmation Class, inviting them to join the Senior League. To show these new members that the Senior League has "good times" as well as a devotional and educational program, have a "live" social as their introduction.

This good social must have five things, (1) a good plan to get everyone acquainted, (2) some entertaining features, (3) something in which all may join, (4) refreshments, and (5) a definite close. Here are suggestions for each:

"GET ACQUAINTED" STUNTS

Get a number of small favors from the five and ten cent store. Have these given to several of the Leaguers and announce that they will be passed by those holding them to the tenth person who shakes hands with them. The person who receives them then passes them on to the tenth person shaking hands with him, etc.

Announce that there are several "lucky spots" in the room. (Make a list of these for your own use.) Ask everybody to move about the room, and announce that in two minutes a whistle will blow and a favor will be awarded to the couple who are found at that time on the lucky spot. Any one found without a partner is "out." Repeat this, having about seven or eight "lucky spots." No one can receive a favor who is found with the same partner.

Tie a paper bag on the hand of each guest as he or she arrives, and inform each that same cannot be removed until it is worn off by handshaking!

Give each one on entering a card, and ten beans. On the card they are to secure the names of each present, and some favor is given for the one having the longest list. During the opening period each one is endeavoring to make some one say "yes" or "no." Each one goes about asking questions, and if they succeed in getting either of these words as an answer they receive a bean from the one who is asked. If, however, after asking three questions, they have failed to get the tabooed word, they must pay that person a bean. The one at the end of the period with the largest number of beans receives some award.

SOME ENTERTAINING FEATURES

Have some of the Leaguers previously arrange to give the following: "It Pays to Advertise!" Let these Leaguers in pantomime and drill represent some of the well known advertised products of today, and have the rest of the guests guess what each is.

Ivory Soap. "It Floats." Members of the group go flitting about the stage as though they were walking on air, waving their arms and in general acting in ethereal fashion.

Eversharp. Riddles which have been prepared beforehand are put to a class by the teacher. The class having been thoroughly drilled in the answers, respond with a snap and a brilliance that amazes the audience!

Uneeda Biscuit. Let them pantomime exhaustion, plainly showing by their actions that they are starved. A doctor rushes in, makes them stick out their tongues, sing up the scale, close one eye, etc. In short, he carefully diagnoses the case, after which he swells up with pride at having found what the trouble was. He dashes to his bag, takes out a box of crackers, and makes each patient eat one, whereupon they all hop around, exhibiting marvelous life and enthusiasm, apparently cured for life.

Blue Jay Corn Plasters. The men of the group take the part of the blue jays, blue because of aching corns, which they indicate because of a mournful expression and painful hobbling around. The "jay" element is taken care of by tousled hair and disheveled clothing. They give evidence of considerable pain, which evidence grows louder and louder, until the women of the group come dashing in as nurses, with handkerchiefs or pieces of white cloth bound about their heads. They inquire in panto-

mime about the cause of such evident trouble, and having learned it, bind up the entire foot of the patient, thereby making life again worth living for the "Blue Jays."

Bon Ami. The men come running in with smudges on their faces, followed in great haste by the ladies, who are evidently trying to catch them. Finally they succeed and holding their victims firmly by the shoulders, with handkerchiefs they pantomime a vigorous face-scrubbing, polishing the face as they would a window. When they have finished they view the results with much satisfaction.

Pears' Soap. All the members of a group are "paired" off and either wander in pairs or busily wash each other's faces, always in pairs.

Colgate's Toothpaste. "Lies flat on the brush." A man appears, throws a hair-brush on the floor and lies down "flat upon it."

Wool Soap. A large lady whose arms are sticking through the sleeves of a white sweater many sizes too small for her, looks tragically at the result of her having used Wool Soap, while the rest of the group go into spasms of mirth at the picture she presents.

Fiske Tires. "Time to Retire." All the members of this group file stumblingly across the stage, each one carrying a candle, and yawning as he takes each step.—*From "It is to Laugh."—Geister.*

Some Games to Interest All

Divide the company into groups according to their birthday, and ask each group to act out in some way a holiday of the month it represents.

Divide the company into four groups, and ask for a number of contestants from each group to compete for each of the following games. Let each side choose those who are to represent them for each game, and have each side "root" for their representatives as the games go on. Do not announce beforehand what each game will be, but merely make the statement—"we want four boys from each group for this game," three girls from each group will take part in this game, etc.

1. Two girls from each group are each given a bowl filled with feathers. With their hands tied behind them, the object is to see which two can first empty their bowl by blowing.

2. One boy from each group must thread a needle, hang up with clothespins three pieces of clothes on a line strung across the room, eat two pretzels and drink a glass of water. The one completing all four tasks first, wins.

3. A boy from each group is given an equal number of boards, a hammer and some nails. The one first to complete constructing a box is winner.

4. One from each group is selected and seated on a chair equally distant from a box in the centre. Each one takes off his shoes and they are all placed together in the box. At a given signal the play begins —the one who first succeeds in rushing to the box, securing his shoes and putting them on again, is winner. (This is good for four Junior boys.)

5. Select a lady in each group. Have a large block. Give each contestant ten nails and a hammer. At a given signal all start to hammer the nails in the block, and the one succeeding in getting all ten in first wins.

Refreshments

Serve something substantial, and one item only to eat and one to drink, rather than a medley of several. Sandwiches and coffee are the easiest and appeal most to this younger element. And let the law of the evening be—plenty.

Closing

Make the closing just as definite as the beginning. After the last game or the refreshments the guests form a circle. The leader asks the one standing nearest the door to shake hands with his right hand neighbor, and then to continue shaking hands all the way around the circle, telling each one "Good Night" until he has been completely round. All the rest follow suit. He has no sooner finished shaking hands with his right hand neighbor and gone on to the next one and then on to the next, than this same right hand neighbor begins doing the same thing, shaking the hand of his neighbor to the right, and so on around the circle. Each one does the same thing, after No. 2 has passed No. 3, No. 3 starts immediately to shake hands, etc., and finally everyone present shakes hands with everyone else, and bids them all "Good-Night."—*From "It is to Laugh."—Geister.*

Right-O!

If any man ever lived in and for his work, that man is Harry Hodges, and if such service, coupled with his broad and human qualities, his keen judgment, his courageous efficiency and his sorely tried patience doesn't deserve our appreciation, nothing ever did. He only gave his best, and a man's best sometimes even surprises himself. His monument is of course, the ten years of service with its records and accomplishments. Even if we do forget to say so, don't doubt that deep down in our heart is a lasting esteem and appreciation which is greater than any monument.

M. HALLER FREY

General Secretary's Letter

FRIENDLY LETTER NO. FOUR

(To be read at the April Senior Business Meeting.)

DEAR FAMILY:—

Just as a starter I am going to name over some of the dates I have met since the Executive Committee adjourned.

Spoke to the students at Hamma Divinity School, Hartwick Seminary, and at the Ohio Valley Regional Conference of the Lutheran Student's Association meeting in Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio. Preached at Luther League Vespers in Grace Church, Norristown, at the Lancaster District Service and at St. Paul's, Philadelphia. Enjoyed the "Pep" Dinner of the Philadelphia District. It was named with splendid judgment. Attended a Junior Convention in Philadelphia and a Junior Worker's Institute. Spoke on Luther League Night at the Annual Bible Conference in Harrisonburg, Va. This was at Muhlenberg Church. Spoke at the Student's Club of Holy Communion, and was guest of the St. Simeon's League at their 5th Anniversary Banquet, both Churches are in Philadelphia. Attended the B. M. and C. District Meeting in Norristown. Spoke at the Boy's Workers Conference at Muhlenberg College, Allentown. Helped install my successor, Rev. Clifford Beach, at St. Thomas, Nen York City. I may have missed a few but certainly it is not proving to be a monotonous job!

What a blessing the Andhra Appeal is proving! Every once in a while Clarence Dittmer's slogan pops into my head, "It's *great* to be a Luther Leaguer!" As the cash rolls in expressive of devotion to Christ and zeal for the evangelization of India, I find myself thrilled with the thought of our new generation of missionary enthusiasts. Wait till you young Lutherans grow into leadership in the Church! There will then be no unpaid apportionments, no deficits in Missionary Treasuries. I suppose that you have done your part in your League. If not yet, you will soon, won't you?

Do you have a group of young folks in your Church that are hard to get into the League? If not, you are very fortunate. Some say that there is too much religion in our program. No concession should be made to that sort of talk. There is no room in any Church for an organization without a religious program. But if some of the young folks stay away from devotionals, do not entirely blame them. Are your meetings interesting? Why not stage a debate at the next one and advertise subject and speakers? Try other methods of running a meeting. Use the element of surprise to attract. Study your meetings and find out what is wrong, if anything, and go after those young folks in a systematic way.

What is your League going to do about the Sustaining Membership? Or have you taken one out for your League and have you made a canvass of the older friends of the League? Our financial toes are being pinched tighter just now than they will be later in the season. It costs over $1,000 to have our annual Executive Committee Meeting and on top of that we have to lay out $500 for equipment in our new office. This makes a dent in the treasury. Of course your dues are on their way! The S. M. is the kind of a donation that you like to make, *because you don't have to. You want to!*

Senior Leagues are responsible for Junior and Intermediate work in their Congregations. Do not let this opportunity of service slip by! There is usually one excuse given when our Secretaries try to start these organizations in the Churches, "We have no leader." Here is your chance. There are young folks in every League, surely in your League, that could lead a group of Juniors or Intermediates. It requires faithfulness. Any young man or woman who is willing to try can make a success with all the helps we offer.

I suppose that you are working hard on the Reading Course and the REVIEW Subscriptions. It is a great service in these days when so much trash is being read by American youth, to encourage the habit of worth-while reading. Lackadaisical Educational or Literature Secretaries make me tired! It is one of the most important jobs on the calendar. And in seeking new subscriptions for the REVIEW, do not forget the *renewals.* They are just as important.

The United Lutheran Church has sustained great losses among her leaders these early months of 1926. God speaks to our youth, calling for those who "Will follow in their train." Dr. Keiter, Dr. Weller, Dr. Gotwald, Dr. Singmaster, all outstanding figures in the formation and work of the U. L. C. All were Sustaining Members of the Luther League and two had already sent in their checks for 1926. They were friends

upon whom the League could count. Let us remember the bereaved families and the bereaved Church in our prayers.

Convention time is soon here. Many Leagues are satisfied with sending one or two delegates. If you want to put new life into your League, plan to have the whole League go to District and State Conventions. At least, send as many as possible. Many Leagues raise a fund that will be divided among those who can go to help pay expenses. Have you your local League colors, a song, a yell? Do you know those of your District for use at State Conventions? Young folks are normally happy when they are a bit noisy. Help make your conventions attractive for youth.

I am taking too much of your time but as I see through these pages the local Leagues like yours in their monthly business meeting, I find myself wanting to say so many things. There is a final message that I must pass on to you. I was interested in the report of one League of forty members that within two weeks had asked twenty-five folks to accept Christ. Do not forget that a read Christian will try to win others. Does Christ mean *everything* to you? Is He the very greatest and most important consideration in your thinking? The measure of that which He means to you will be the measure of your desire to win your friends to His Church. Why not ask your pastor how your League could help win new members?

Faithfully yours,

Amos John Traver

General Secretary.

Educational Department

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

From the foreign mission lands comes the expression: "To read the Bible and *behave* it." It is a challenging figure that St. Paul uses when he calls us "Living Epistles—read of men." Read the Gospel, then built it into your flesh and blood.

April 1.—The Bread of Life.—St. John 6:22-40.

April 2.—The Bread of Life.—St. John 6:41-59.

April 3.—The Bread of Life.—St. John 6:60-71.

April 4.—Eating with Unwashed Hands.—St. Mark 7:1-15.

April 5.—The Inner Life.—St. Mark 7:17-23.

April 6.—The Syrophoenician Woman's Daughter.—St. Mark 7:24-30.

April 7.—Many Miracles.—St. Matthew 15:29-31.

April 8.—The Deaf and Dumb Man.—St. Mark 7:32-37.

April 9.—Feeding the Four Thousand.—St. Mark 8:1-9.

April 10.—Demanding a Sign.—St. Mark 8:10-21.

April 11.—The Blind Man Near Bethsaida.—St. Mark 8:22-26.

April 12.—Peter's Confession.—St. Matthew 16:13-20.

April 13.—His Death Foretold.—St. Matthew 16:21-28.

April 14.—The Transfiguration.—St. Luke 9:28-36.

April 15.—After the Tarnsfiguration.—St. Mark 9:9-13.

April 16.—The Demoniac Boy.—St. Mark 9:14-29.

April 17.—His Death Foretold Again.—St. Mark 9:30-32.

April 18.—Paying Taxes.—St. Matthew 17:24-27.

April 19.—A Child in His Name.—St. Mark 9:33-37.

April 20.—For or Against Him.—St. Mark 9:38-50.

April 21.—Seeking the Lost and Cooperation.—St. Matthew 18:12-20.

April 22.—Forgiveness.—St. Matthew 18:21-35.

April 23.—At the Feast of Tabernacles.—St. John 7:1-13.

April 24.—How to Know.—St. John 7:14-24.

April 25.—Knowing God.—St. John 7:25-36.

April 26.—The Living Water.—St. John 7:37-52.

April 27.—The Fallen Woman.—St. John 7:53-8:11.

April 28.—The Light of the World.—St. John 8:12-30.

April 29.—"Who Art Thou."—St. John 8:21-30.

April 30.—Spiritual Freedom.—St. John 8:31-59.

May 2, 1926

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

"The Ten Most Important Kinds of Work: How to Make Them Christian?"

Exodus 20:9; II Thes. 3:6-13.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of discussion is to produce *thought*. All students of our age agree that high pressure living offers too little time and encouragement for thinking.

1. Debate: Resolved that the professions in which a Christian may engage should be divided into secular and sacred.

2. Question: Which is more noble, work with brains or hands?

3. Question: Are Christians usually better workers than non-christians?

4. Question: What are the qualifications for Church work as a vocation?

TOPIC

What are the ten most important kinds of work? (A blackboard may be used, or a record kept on paper. Ask this question of the League and as the different professions are suggested, write them down. This may be followed by a vote as to the ten to be included.) The following may be suggested: 1. Church work as a vocation (Pastor, Deaconess, Parish-worker, etc.) 2. Farming. 3. Physician. 4. Manufacturing necessities. 5. Manufacturing time and labor-saving devices. 6. Retail trading. 7. Wholesale trading. 8. Transportation (railroad, bus, shipping, etc.). 9. Communication (radio, telephone and telegraph, newspapers, etc.). 10. Teaching. 11. Undertaking. 12. Law. 13. Banking and investments. 14. Real estate. 15. Engineers (civil, mechanical, electrical, etc.). 16. Exploring. 17. Entertaining. 18. Inventing. (These suggestions are not given in order of importance, but merely suggestive. Let the League discuss relative importance.)

A selection of the most important kinds of work should help us to decide what to do with our lives if that is not already settled. We have but one life to live! Where shall it be invested to bring the greatest returns to God, to others and to self?

The second part of the subject is also worth study. It certainly applies to every kind of work in which a Christian dare engage. If any one is doing a kind of work that can not be made more Christian, he would better find another position.

Work! Just as a Christian's word ought to be as good as his bond, so the fact that a man is a Christian ought to make him a faithful, efficient worker. Work is the divine plan. "My father worketh even until now, and I work," said Jesus. The yokes made by Jesus in the Nazareth carpenter shop, the benches and stools be turned out surely would be good workmanship and at a fair price. Paul gloried in his tent-making. Luther liked to translate. "In diligence, not slothful." "In zeal, not lazy." Good examples for all time!

Work for God! If you can not feel that God is a partner in your business, there is something wrong, either with you or your business. Some one has said, "No one who loves his work can see it without a halo." Another has written:

"Who sweeps a room, as for Thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine."

No profession is secular to the Christian. Work for Christian aims, whatever you do. Eph. 4:28 suggests one object for work "to have whereof to give to him that hath need." For what did Christ work? To support his family? Surely. To bring health and happiness to others? Of course. To save men's souls? Supremely. Here are your guides! Can you suggest others? "Work!

Thank God for the might of it,
The ardor, the urge, the delight of it,—
Work that springs from the heart's desire,
Setting the soul and the brain on fire.
Oh, what is so good as the heat of it,
And what is so glad as the beat of it,
And what is so kind as the stern command,
Challenging brain and heart and hand?"

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May 9, 1926

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MOTHERS' DAY

"How to Build Happy Homes"

Eph. 6:1-10.

DISCUSSION

In opening discussion call attention to the fact that the lowering of modern standards of morality are most often credited to the break down of the American Home.

1. Debate: Resolved that the relation between parents and children (their treatment of each other in the average family) is better in 1926 than in 1826?

2. Question: What has thrift to do with the happiness of the home?

3. Short talk: Jesus and Home Life. (This may be treated as a study of the various records in the Gospels where He is found in the home.)

4. Question: What are five necessities for happy home life? (That the family circle is unbroken may be taken for granted. The answer intended is not, father, mother and three children.)

5. Question: Has the kind of house one lives in, anything to do with the family happiness?

Topic

While our subject opens the way to a general discussion of home life, the fact that this is Mother's Day, offers us an opportunity to evaluate the center of home life around which home life revolves: George Griffith Fetter has written:

"The noblest thots my soul can claim
The holiest words my tongue can frame,
Unworthy are to praise thy name
More sacred than all other.
An infant, when her love first came,
A man, I find it just the same;
Reverently I breathe her name,
The blessed name of mother."

Appreciation of our parents is a first requisite of a happy home. Say it with flowers, and words!!

Christian Motherhood *trusts* immortality. It is living for the future. It is supremely unselfish. Remember the widow who had made a hard and successful struggle to give her daughters a chance in life. As she lay dying she whispered to one of her daughters, "I have so little to show God." The daughter, taking her work hardened hand between hers said, "Mother, you show God the callouses on your dear hands." Motherhood lives for the generations growing.

Christian Motherhood *trains* for immortality. Think of Samuel. Eli was no success as a trainer of his own children, though some times folks succeed better with other folk's children than with their own. Samuel became the prophet of his people because back home a mother had trained him for immortality. A noted divine recently said that he would have been an atheist were it not for the memory of his mother, hearing his childish prayers. Of sixty-nine kings of France some one has reckoned three worthy of undying names, three who loved their people, and these three had good mothers.

Christian Motherhood *Translates* immortality. Mother is the first Bible for every man. Charles Gounod, the composer, in his little autobiography, gives more space to his mother's influence than to his own accomplishments. "Maternity is the most perfect reflection of the great loving God, the purest and warmest ray He casts on earthly life. Maternity is the direct translator of God's good providence."

Motherhood asks no pay. Motherhood lives hurt, but undying in the face of ingratitude. Happy the son or daughter who has tried to put into words and deeds the deep appreciation of a mother's unselfish life! Happy the home where this appreciation is expressed.

May 16, 1926

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

Acts 8:26-35; Ps. 1:1-6.

Discussion

1. A critic has said, "You Lutherans say more, and know less about the Bible than any other Christians." What is the answer?

2. How are we going to make our League 100 per cent. Daily Bible Readers? (Many Leagues call the roll at each meeting asking the members to answer whether they have read the Bible every day since the last meeting. A real discussion should start here as to the best way to get results.)

3. What shall we do if we can not understand a Bible passage??

4. Is Daily Bible Reading a substitute for going to Church?

5. Should Luther Leaguers attend Bible School?

Topic

Tere are five suggestions on the topic:

1. Take *time* for daily Bible reading. In our rushing days it is very easy to become "too busy" to read God's Word. Why not make a definite, daily engagement with God's Book and keep that as faithfully as any business or social date?

2. Open your hearts to *the Spirit.* He will lead you to understanding. "Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold the wondrous things out of Thy law." Pray for an open heart and an understanding heart and you have prepared the way for your reading.

3. Have a *system.* If you have no better, follow the readings in the REVIEW. References, Commentaries, Concordance, any helps may be used with profit. Your pastor will be delighted to have you ask his interpretation.

4. Apply its *promises.* Take up your Bible as though it were written expressly for you. It is your love letter from your Father.

5. Live its *precepts.*

Metesa, king of Uganda in Stanley's day, telling how he decided between the Koran and the Bible said:

"The Arabs and the white men behave as they are taught in their books. When the Arabs come for ivory and slaves, they do not always speak the truth, and buy men of their own color and put them in chains. The white man refuses to buy slaves. They say: 'No, we are all sons of God.' If the white men are better than the Arabs, then their Book must be better than Mohammed's."

Men have a right to judge our Bible by our lives. God help us to live up to our responsibility.

May 23, 1926

WHITSUNDAY

"LESSONS FROM GOD'S PIONEERS IN ALL AGES"

Heb. 11:8-10, 17-22.

DISCUSSION

If discussion on this topic really gets started it will be hard to stop.

1. Question: What qualities distinguish the world's great men from their generation?

2. Debate: Resolved that the faith of Abraham was greater than the faith of Noah.

3. Question: Who are the ten greatest men in history who may be called "God's Pioneers?" (A blackboard may be used, the Leaguers suggesting nominations for this honor roll. These nominating speeches may be made with reasons for suggesting the candidate. Seconding speeches might be made. After all the nominations are in, a vote could be taken to select the ten. Of course the greatest of all is Our Lord and He should not be included in this comparative list. The editor would be glad to have the result in your League, reported.)

TOPIC

The one qualification of the "Pioneer in All Ages" is faith. Faith is to the spirit what the senses are to the body. It gathers all the evidences upon which the spirit can act. It gives substance to things hoped for. It makes facts out of hopes, so solid that we can build our lives upon them.

The presence of God. What a wonderful thing to say of a man "And Enoch walked with God!" What would it have meant for us to have walked with Jesus when He was in the flesh? How He would have helped us to master ourselves. Ill-temper, low ideals, beastly selfishness could not live in His presence. By faith this fellowship is still ours. At a recital a great master was present. One of the boys played specially well and a friend said "I never knew you could play like that!" "Well you see," he answered, "I was playing for the master."

Under the Providence of God. Our destiny is in His hands. Our greatest undertaking is to discover His plan for our lives. Think of Noah, building an ark on dry land, facing the "tom-foolery" of scandalized neighbors. What a fool! Yet he played his part as an actor in the drama of "the Great Play-write." Look at Abraham, leaving home and friends and setting out toward an unknown country. What a fool! God's fool! So every missionary who sails the seas with the message of redemption. So, you and I, if we believe that the only safe, and happy place for us is in the way God marks out for us.

With the Power of God. We may know the way and still lack courage to travel it. He yokes Himself with us in drawing the burdens of life. In the consciousness of His presence there is *power*. Isaiah said to his people in the very midst of tragic dangers, "Lift up thine eyes on high." It was sound advice for help comes from that quarter. Remember how the Cardinal Legate came to Luther. "What do you suppose the Pope cares for the opinion of a German boor? The Pope's little finger is stronger than all Germany. Do you suppose the princes will stand by you? I tell you, *no*. Then where will you be?" Listen to the answer of faith: "Where will I be? Right where I am now, in the hands of God."

The lives of God's pioneers were lived in the *presence* of God, under the *providence* of God and with the *power* of God. There lies the lesson for us.

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May 30, 1926

TRINITY SUNDAY

LATIN AMERICA—A MISSION FIELD

Matthew 28:18-20, 9:38, 24:14; Luke 8:11; John 21:17; Mark 3:14; Luke 6:13; John 3:16.

PROGRAM

Leader—The chapter on which our program is based is the chapter which tells of results. Before we decide whether it is a good thing to establish missions in Latin American countries, we should study some of the results that have been accomplished in these mission fields. After all, an enterprise is judged by its product. So far as is recorded in history, the first Protestant missionaries to reach South America were Huguenots who landed in Brazil about 1555. We instinctively ask why Latin America has been a mission field almost since its discovery, while North America has been otherwise? If the members of the class who have been enrolled for today will come forward and take their seats in our improvised class room, the information which they have gained about Latin America may be of interest to all of us and may help us to answer the question, "Is it a good thing to establish Protestant missions in Latin America?"

(Class of six to ten members take their seats on platform, chairs having been previously arranged.)

Leader—Will No. 1 tell us why Latin America has been a mission field? What has made the difference between the two Americas?

No. 1—The October number of the *Missionary Review of the World* says that Christopher Columbus came from a Roman Catholic country and landed in tropical America. The Pilgrim Fathers, the Dutch

and other settlers from Protestant Europe landed on the more northern shores of the continent. Most of the immigrants to North America came from Protestant Europe, while those to Mexico, Central and South America came from Southern Europe and brought with them Latin languages and customs together with the Roman Catholic religion. As a result, North America is dominantly Protestant, while Latin America is Roman Catholic. Whatever it has been in the past, Roman Catholicism no longer functions spiritually. It appeals to narrow and selfish motives and so consequently attracts very few really superior characters.

Leader—Will another member of the class tell whether Latin American countries are idol worshipping?

No. 2—Idolatry is inculcated through the worship of images. Not only is the Virgin Mary represented in the churches and chapels and even along the streets by images of different sizes and made from different materials, but saints are also presented as objects of veneration. Many images of Christ are found, some of which claim to have miraculous power, and these things, whether of Christ or Mary, or of the saints, are worshipped by the ignorant peasantry as such, rather than for what they represent. This statement is taken from Webster Browning's New Days in Latin America. He says that "no educated Roman Catholic will admit this statement as true. But ignorant Roman Catholics are quite as literal in such adoration as is the pagan who bows before his gods. Without his image the ignorant worshipper is lost." Stanley High says that "it is necessary for us to know that in Latin America the Roman Catholic Church with its myriad religious symbols, has often crowded out the Christ. There are evidences of religion on every hand. Worship, priests, regular services, bishops, nuns—the outward aspects are there. In theory the fundamentals of religion are there also. Roman Catholic theology adheres to a belief in the Holy Trinity; in the divinity of Christ; in the remission of sins; the resurrection of the dead. They also have the Bible."

Leader—How then do they crowd out the Christ?

No. 3—(This question is to be answered from pages 167-190 of Looking Ahead with Latin America.)

Leader—One of the catechisms of the church gives the following directions for the worship of the Virgin Mary:

"Whom should we in particular honor and invoke above the angels and saints?

"Ans. Mary, the blessed Virgin and Mother of God.

"Why should we particularly honor and invoke Mary?

"Ans.. Because she is the Mother of God, and therefore surpasses the angels and saints in glory. Because for that very reason her intercession with God is most powerful."

Leader—We want to study reasons for making Latin America a mission field. Let us have these reasons given by members of the class.

No. 4—There are ninety million people in Latin America. Sixty-three millions are almost illiterate. Poverty makes illiteracy and illiteracy makes poverty. Certainly a country that has 70 per cent. of its people illiterate is a mission field that should not be neglected.

No. 5—There are seven million Indians in South America. Many of them are uncivilized savages. Most of them have been untouched by Christianity, except as they have adopted Catholic symbols and ceremonies without understanding their meaning.

No. 6—When I first read in our text book that South America contains the largest unoccupied mission fields in the world, I thought of Africa and China. I read the statement several times and then studied the statement before I realized the vastness of the unoccupied mission fields. Multitudes have never heard the gospel in any form. Even among the educated descendants of European settlers, faith in God has been abandoned. Materialism, atheism, low standards of morality prevail. This condition probably makes missionary work more difficult than it would be if the people were really idol worshipers.

Leader—What about the Catholic Church. Can't we turn the matter of Latin American religion over to this Church?

No. 7—"Most of the countries are nominally Roman Catholic, and there are doubtless many who are true; still the general influence of the Roman Catholic Church is toward bigotry, superstition, priestly autocracy and idolatry. Many of the priests are openly intemperate and immoral. They oppose the reading of the Bible by the people. Its circulation is hindered or entirely forbidden." However, Webster Browning says that the lack of today is not so much in the absence of the Book itself as in the failure of the people to understand its teachings. The religious sense of the people is so benumbed that its teachings are incomprehensible to a great majority.

Leader—Is there any other reason why we especially should regard Latin America as a mission field?

No. 4—I think that one of our chief feelings of responsibility comes from the fact

that Latin America is a part of our own continent. Certainly, we are responsible, just as we are responsible for our next door neighbors. The *Missionary Review of the World* says that there is the same reason for obeying the Great Commission of Christ by carrying the Gospel to Latin America as there is for carrying it to any other people where Christ is not known in His saving power. That the need exists in Latin America is clear to any one who knows the facts.

Leader—"The same results follow where men and women accept the Gospel—their minds are enlightened, their characters are transformed, their homes are uplifted, their communities are benefited and they seek avenues of service. The cross becomes not a symbol, but a reality; the Bible becomes their guide; the Christ, their living Lord and Saviour."

Leader—We want to study the Results of Mission Work in Latin America. "The history of Latin American missions is one of trial by fire. Missionaries did not go out—do not go out today—to easy jobs. The communities to which they go are often hostile. The priests frequently stir the people into open expressions of their hostility. There are stonings and threatenings and abuse. There are no soft seats by the fire for these Christian pioneers. Nor is there an easy path ahead for those who accept the Christian faith as Protestants interpret it." Yet, we can not be discouraged by results. There are many thousand people who have been led to accept such a Christian faith. Perhaps the best understanding of the results of mission work may be obtained through hearing the stories of some who have accepted the faith. We want to hear the story of Captain Gardner.

No. 8—This story is from pages 148-149, Looking Ahead with Latin America.

Leader—Will you tell the story of Hortensia Soza?

No. 9—This story is from pages 152-156, Looking Ahead with Latin America.

Leader—We want to hear the story of How Argentina and Chile settled their boundary dispute.

No. 10—This story is from pages 159-163 Looking Ahead with Latin America.

No. 11—Poem—Christ of the Andes. (Leaflet to be obtained from Literature Headquarters, Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, price 2 cents.)

Suggestions to Leaders

The program will be made more interesting if those who are to take part come to the platform when the class is called. The parts should be assigned far enough in advance for the members to become thoroughly familiar with them. If this suggestion is not suitable, the program may be carried out in the usual way, omitting the class idea. If the class is called, the leader who becomes the teacher will be able to add to the suggestions made above many good ideas that will include principles of successful teaching. If there are eleven available members to take part on the program, it will be well to use all of them. If not, various members can take more than one part.

Intermediate Department

Registration

In the February issue of the Review a list of 72 Intermediate Leagues was given. Since then seven new Leagues have been admitted into our family, as follows:

73. St. Thomas, New York City, N. Y.
74. First Church, Tyrone, Pa.
75. St. Paul's, Sewickley, Pa.
76. Good Shepherd, Weehawken, N. J.
77. Glenwood, Toledo, Ohio.
78. Church of the Resurrection, Buffalo, N. Y.
79. Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn. (girls).

There Are Many Others Yet Unenrolled

Such deprive themselves of the services of the Intermediate Department. If we know you we are responsible to you. Knowing you we will serve you. New literature available from time to time will be sent you. Suggestions and helps will be offered you. Inform us of your existence and thus enjoy our family spirit and service.

The 1926 Intermediate Objective

Surely each leader and Intermediate Leaguer knows enough about our Intermediate effort to raise $500 to equip the gymnasium of Andhra Christian College in India to want to contribute to the limit. The response so far to this worthy project has been very encouraging and commendable, but each League among us is going to be listed sooner or later with the following pioneers. Why not then make our objective a pre-Easter goal?

1. Trinity, Newport News, Va. ..... $ 6.00
2. Redeemer, Chicago, Ill. 5.00
3. Epiphany, Hempstead, N. Y. 5.00
4. St. John's, Boyertown, Pa. 15.00

5. Trinity, Burlington, Iowa	$10.00
6. St. John's, Salina, Kansas	5.00
7. Church of The Apostles, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
8. Church of The Atonement, Saugerties, N. Y.	5.00
9. St. Paul's, Syracuse, N. Y.	5.00
Total	$61.00

Topic Cards

The 1926 Intermediate Topic Cards are ready for your use. Several copies were sent to each of the Intermediate superintendents, and sufficient numbers will be sent to supply each member of individual Leagues by writing to the Intermediate Secretary. Since we have gone to this expense your orders are encouraged and will be quickly filled.

Intermediate Summer Camp Topics

A small pamphlet containing the Intermediate Topics for July and August will be compiled and made ready for distribution by May 15th for 5 cents the copy. The contents of the pamphlet will provide the kind of material many camp leaders have been looking for in use at summer camps as the basis for devotional or Bible study work. The pamphlet will also serve for devotional use on early morning hikes, etc. In order to know how great a demand the different agencies of the church will have for this publication I will be glad to supply all inquirers with a copy of last year's summer topic pamphlet for examination, asking such persons to state approximately how many pamphlets might be needed.

Camps and Camping

The Intermediate Department is ready to supply information on the subject of camps and camping. Beside having a very well written pamphlet article on the subject, the Intermediate Secretary has had no little training in camp building and management and is ready to assist all concerned in putting up and across successful camps for the youth of our church.

News Item

The Boys' Intermediate Luther League of Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Va., in charge of their pastor, made its annual trip, on Feb. 27, to the Portsmouth Y. M. C. A. where the boys were granted all the boy privileges of the Association. The courtesies granted were greatly appreciated. The Y. M. C. A. is glad to act as host to visiting groups as represented by our Intermediate boys. It is a form of contact our Luther Leagues may well take advantage of. The Newport News boys among other things tried to get revenge for a 44-4 defeat in basketball of a year ago but succeeded only in reducing the figures to 33-20. A delightful friendship though has arisen between the contending groups.

May 2, 1926

HOW MAY I KNOW GOD'S PLAN FOR MY LIFE

John 15:14-16; Eph. 2:10.
(Rev. J. H. Richard.)

I know some things partly. About many things I know nothing. I know I am alive. My existence is a fact. I know the earth and planets roll through space. I know there is such a thing as electricity, oxygen and the law of gravity. I have some knowledge of the Bible. I know Jesus dwells in my heart, that He lived on earth, suffered, died for my sins, rose again, and ascended into heaven where He now dwells.

I do not know how God made the universe out of nothing; how the grain of wheat multiplies into many grains; how the wind blows and water freezes. But God has made it possible for me to know all I need to know. I know God has created me; that He richly provides for my needs; and defends me against all evil. I know that Jesus Christ has redeemed me; and that through the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, I have the assurance of the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation.

Here is a very important question: "Does God have a Plan for my Life?" If He does, can I know it? I have only to observe what are ordinarily called the laws of nature to see that there is plan, system, orderly arrangement everywhere. It is not a haphazard world in which I live. Day and night, summer and winter did not just happen so. If the birds and the flowers upon which God has bestowed His loving care, have a place in the fulfillment of His plans, I am sure God has a Plan for my life, since I am worth more than many sparrows, and since Christ has paid such a great price for my redemption.

The earth life of Christ had a plan. He came to witness to the truth, to reveal the Father's love, to redeem us from sin, to renew us in the divine image, to adopt us into God's family, and to make us heirs of eternal glory. From the manger to the throne He never lost sight of this plan. When on the cross, He said, "It is finished," He meant His Life's Plan had been achieved.

Christ was perfect. My life is full of faults and sin. Still God has a plan for my life too. What is it? "That I might be His, live under Him in His kindgom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness."

By being Christ's friend, by obeying His commands, I can know what His plan for my life is.

This knowledge of God's Plan for my life will increase if I obey the will of God as He has revealed it to me in His Word.

More light will be given as I use the light already granted. I know it is wrong to curse, lie, cheat, break the Sabbath, and dishonor my parents; and, if I do these things, God's plan for my life will become blurred and indistinct. I know it is right to worship God, keep His Day Holy, honor my parents and do good unto all; and, if I do these things, my Life's Plan will unfold with increasing clearness and beauty as the days go by. Little Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." If my ears are open to the Voice of God in His Word; and if I have the submissive spirit of Christ who prayed, "Not My will but Thine be done," then God will make known to me His Plan for my Life both in time and in eternity.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LEADER

I. I may know God's Plan for my Life:
   1. By daily study of His Word.—Jno. 5:39.
   2. By unceasing prayer.—Mk. 14:38.
   3. By obeying God's revealed will.—Jno. 7:17.

II. What are some of God's Plans for my Life:
   He wants me:
   1. To make Jesus my best Friend.—Rev. 3:20.
   2. To serve Him from childhood. When Christ was only twelve years old He was about His Father's Business.—Luke 2:49.
   3. To obey parents, pastors, teachers, and civil rulers.—Eph. 6:1-3.
   4. To set a Christian example in the home and among companions.—Mt. 5:16.
   5. To lead others to accept Christ.—Jno. 2:40-45.

III. For additional message see Chapters 1-3 of Part II—"What Shall I Do with My Life?"—*Donnelly.*

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May 9, 1926

KEEPING FIT FOR LIFE

(Rev. Ralph D. Hein.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LEADER

A. Your worship program may include hymns from among the following: Shepherd of Tender Youth; O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways; In the Hour of Trial; Take My Life and Let It Be. The Devotional Reading may be a composite of I Cor. 9:25-27; II Pet. 1:5-8; Prov. 4:20-22; Eccl. 12:13-14; Luke 2:52. The Prayer may include thanksgiving for the joy of living and for the happiness that comes through health; there may be petitions for help to see the importance of health to useful service and for help to meet every temptation that will make the body less holy or acceptable to God.

B. The topic lends itself to the discussion method. But, if you prefer a number of short talks or papers on the "health friends" may be arranged. A biographical sketch of Roosevelt's youth will give valuable illustrative material.

C. Do not neglect the religious implications of this topic, nor yet let the subject become so vague and general as to have no practical value to the actual life-situations of the Intermediates. If the group is of one sex alone and the leader is sufficiently in their confidence, the discussion may well become more personal than this published discussion indicates.

What do you want most to do; to have; to be? Do you want to do something in your life that will help others and greatly serve your brother and sister human beings? Do you want to be wealthy, wise, honored and loved? Yes? Then you will want to keep fit for life.

There was once a man who did much of what you hope to do and became much like you want to become. He was a great scholar who penned valued writings. He was a good workman who made fine tents. He was a godly man whom some misguided folks one time worshipped. Later they stoned him nearly to death but he was brave enough to return to their city a second time. He was a sailor and traveler, the first and greatest missionary of the Christ, honored and loved for his helpfulness. This man, Paul, wrote many rules for attaining such a life as his. One of these rules is about keeping fit for life, I Cor. 9:25-27. "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air; but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection."

There are many well-known men and women who became great, useful and happy through keeping that rule of Paul's. Our poet William Cullen Bryant took care to keep his body healthy to an extreme old age. A great English statesman, Gladstone, used to cut down trees in his forest as a means of keeping himself fit for work. Our ideal American, Lincoln, as a youth, wrestled, jumped, ran races, walked long distances. He could strike an ax into a tree more deeply than any other man in his community. We cannot possibly doubt the value of being healthy if we are going to be greatly useful and happy.

Being healthy is largely a matter of habits. There are some enemy-habits and some

friendly-habits with regard to health. Later you will make a list of them upon paper or the blackboard. Let me tell you now about some of your health friends.

Friend Water.—St. Francis of Assisi said, "Praised be my God for our Brother Water, who is very serviceable unto us and humble and precious and clean." Precious it is, indeed First, to drink. Like an apple a day, they tell us that two quarts of water a day will keep the doctor away. Second, to bathe in,—no small part of which is to wash the hands carefully before each meal. Third, to swim in. Being a good performer in the "ole swimmin' hole" will help any one to keep more fit for life.

Friend Earth.—This is the friend you can hike upon. Down a stream bank; on the beach of the ocean or a lake; out into the woods; along an open road,—if you want to be healthy, take hikes. If there should be one thing better, that thing is camping. Canvas and trodden grass; smell of frying bacon; birds' songs and the morning sunrise; tramping, fishing and a cool plunge by day; nature's sounds in the evening and a bunk on the leaves; these taken in large doses are guaranteed to produce radiant health and happiness and fitness for life.

Friend Food.—Too often this becomes an enemy. We do prefer soft foods to the hard ones, candy to vegetables. We are not equipped by nature to enjoy chewing every bite of meat like the statesman, thirty-seven times, nor even to be satisfied with three meals a day. Yet St. Paul reminds us, even as mother does, "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."

Friend Sleep.—Last of all, if you care for an opinion, there are some who think that Intermediates need more than anything else, more sleep. These are days of many social occasions and much home-work put off until the last minute. Perhaps no sleep, rather than no play, makes Jack a dull boy.

Do you recall the motto of the Luther League? Do you understand that to mean that you are preparing to be a leader of, by, and for your Church? Shall you be a fit leader? Again, we are asked in the Bible to present our bodies to God, "holy, acceptable" unto Him. Will you make and keep your body holy, acceptable?

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. State other reasons than those of the last paragraph for keeping fit for life.
2. Think and tell of someone whose life has been made greatly useful and happy because of unusual good health.
3. Think and tell of some one whose experience was the opposite.
4. Mention some other health friends, for example, athletics.
5. Make a list of friendly and enemy health habits.
6. What importance has good health to the work you want to do?
7. Resolve now to break one enemy habit and form one friendly habit to help you keep fit for life.
8. How long shall I hold to the motto, "Fit for Life?"

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May 17, 1926

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DOES SUMMER OFFER OUR LEAGUE?

John 4:30-38; James 1:22-27.
(Rev. R. J. Wolf.)

Each season of the year affords different ways for individual and group expression. But no time like the summer offers a more wholesome and varied avenue for meditation and prayer, study and play in God's great out-of-doors. Christ's life and work were largely spent in the open. Some of his greatest sermons and truths were uttered from mountain sides, on hill tops, in the fields, under the trees, by the shores of streams and lakes, from boats along the shore and in boats riding the crest of the waves. In fact the teachings of Jesus are made more clear and forceful because of their nature settings and nature illustrations. Many of the great conversions recorded in the Bible were effected out of doors; as in the case of the woman at the well, the thief on the cross, etc. The same is true of many of the miracles Jesus wrought.

Great stress is put on the out-of-doors in our study because summer and the out-of-doors in this age, with so many means of ready and quick transportation and places especially provided for outings in our large cities, are synonomous; in fact the wise leader of youth today spends as much time as possible with his or her young people in the open spaces of nature.

One of our lessons, John 4:30, begins with the words: "They went out of the city." Then let our Intermediate leaders imitate the Christ and the apostles and go out of the city, town and rural communities into the country and woods with their young people, not merely for the purpose of play, but to make good use of nature's setting to impress upon them the qualities of leadership, namely: personality, initiative, fair play, consecration, love for nature, etc. Herein is the leader's opportunity—grasp it—use it. Do you leaders of boys and girls realize what wonderful opportunities are given you for that close personal contact which you crave for and which the boy or the girl denies you under other circumstances? Do you appreciate the suscepti-

bility of youth for the simple and naked truth under the conditions made possible by hiking or camping out? Do you, leaders of boys and girls, who possess a rare charm of character, know that thus God somehow infuses your spirit into the deepest recess of youth's soul?

To use these opportunities of leadership let me suggest that you lead your boys or girls early some summer morning to a quiet and secluded spot. It may be with the anticipation of a bacon and egg fry, a weenie roast, or a beeksteak fry on top a flat stone, together with the anticipated joy of having a great deal of fun; but combined with nature's landscape—what a setting for a season of devotion and prayer upon the Word, which tells about God from whom cometh all these good things?

Going camping is another opportunity offered our Leaguers in the summer time. Many boys and girls are denied the privilege of attending a summer camp, but it is within the power of any League to go as a unit to their own improvised camp for a few days' outing. By saving and planning now sufficient money and material can be gathered together to permit of a camp. One group of Sunday School boys, about whom I have definite knowledge, went into camp each year from the time they were twelve until of college age, and out of their number came two missionaries and the writer, your Intermediate Secretary. Could we not term a repetition of such a feat an opportunity for any leader and League to attempt?

The summer also offers opportunity for service. The second of our lessons invokes us to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction. Pure religion and undefiled before God forbids us to think too seriously of ourselves by standing long before the mirror and beholding our own faces; but compels us to think of others and minister to their happiness and loneliness if we would measure up to our opportunities.

Intermediates are given a big field of expression in obedience to James' command: "Be Doers." A visit by the League to orphanages, old folks' homes, settlement homes, where such are close by, would doubtless bring good results. Visits to homes of aged folks, where devotions and entertainment are provided by the members of the League themselves, represent an opportunity.

Additional Suggestions

Summer time is flower time. Let the Leaguers be responsible for placing flowers in the church at all the services. Saturday jaunts to "wild flower grove" would provide a sane and healthy diversion and service for any Intermediate to perform.

Attention to the lawns of our churches is another medium of summer expression for Intermediates.

Many of our churches are without sign boards to designate them as Lutheran churches. Intermediates can help to get the light out from under the bushel by seeing to it that the Lutheran name appears on their church buildings.

Themes for Discussion

Any one of the above suggestions will provoke interesting discussion—try them on your boys and girls.

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May 23, 1926

HOW GOD GIVES US HIS HOLY SPIRIT

(Rev. Calvin P. Swank, S.T.D.)

Acts 2:1-4, 8:15-19, 10:44-48, 19:1-6.

Introduction

When quite small, we used to have great pleasure playing that we had company or, some particular friend was visiting. We would play he was on a chair near us and we would talk to him and hear him in our imaginary conversation. We were just as happy as though a real friend were present. The Holy Spirit is an unseen, though by no means an imaginary friend.

The Spirit an Invisible Power.

The Holy Spirit is God living and working in us. Since we cannot see Him with our eyes, we speak of Him as The Spirit. Because He is God's Spirit, we call Him "Holy." The most powerful forces are the unseen. Electricity, steam, wind, are invisible, but mighty enough to pull our trains and turn the wheels of our ships and factories. What these powerful invisible energies are in the mechanical world, The Holy Spirit is in the human heart. He directed the Apostles, guided the church, leads the missionaries, and turns the course of history. He can do wonders with any person who will permit Him to come into his heart.

The Spirit—Each Person Different

There can be no rule given as to the way in which, or the time when the Holy Spirit comes into our lives. We are all a little different and He adapts Himself to our life and needs. We must not expect His coming and presence, therefore to cause the same feeling or produce the same result in every one of us. Sometimes He brings a peculiar feeling of joy. Sometimes a great longing to serve; sometimes a desire to do some special thing like teach or even become a deaconess or a minister. These are all such noble and blessed desires that we should anxiously pray and look for them. By His

presence only can we hope to live as Christians or become useful to our Master.

THE SPIRIT—A GIFT

The Holy Spirit is a "gift." Simeon (Acts 8:15) thought he could purchase this power. We cannot buy sunshine or health, nor can we buy a friend's love. Our love is a gift we bestow upon those who are good and kind toward us. God's Spirit is a wonderful gift. He is to us as health to the sick, eyes to the blind. Without Him we are weak and never able to see things in the best way. But we must try to please our Heavenly Father and make ourselves worthy of and ready for His Spirit.

THE SPIRIT—HOW TO RECEIVE HIM

The Spirit is given to those who sincerely desire Him. When The Spirit first came, it was after they had been earnestly praying (Acts 2:1-4). Ever since He comes only to those whom He knows desire Him. You and I would not go, if we knew it, where we were not wanted. God knows who desire Him and to such only He sends His Spirit. This places the responsibility on us. Without Him we are as a dead person to the best things of life. Without Him, we can never be really useful and happy. But we must make way for The Spirit to come. This we do in two ways; make room for Him, then give Him a sincere invitation. We must remove the mean and un-Christian things and thoughts. Then pray the Father to give us His Spirit. Just as it is a pleasure to do things for those whom we love, so is it for our Heavenly Father to give us His Spirit. We know when He comes, for then we are happy in doing His will.

THE SPIRIT—EVIDENCE OF HIS PRESENCE

The invisible electricity rings our door bells, turns dynamos and lights our homes. We know the wires are "live" because of the sound, the power, and the light. The only assurance we have of His presence is our desire to make some sound, show some power or make some light for our Lord. The only evidence others have of this marvelous Gift in our lives it by what they see. Another peculiar thing about the Spirit is that unless we make use of His presence for some practical good, He leaves us. How earnestly, therefore, should we cherish our unseen friend and how happy should we be to show forth His power by many good works!

HINTS FOR MEETING

In presenting this topic, a quiet meditative meeting is desirable. The Holy Spirit is not so much to be explained as experienced. The meeting should lead toward a desire for The Spirit in each life. A few moments of quiet meditation in which each should make a sincere request of the Father for the gift of His Spirit, and that each should prove worthy of His presence. This might be followed by a few prayers by the boys and girls with the same theme. The meeting should not be lengthy but rather "intensive."

SIMPLE PROGRAM

Hymn—On the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Lessons—Read by four different persons.

Silent Prayer.

Prayer—No. 1, page 172, Common Service Hymnal.

Hymn—On the Holy Spirit or Whitsunday.

Topic—Article Presented—one paragraph at a time as called by the Leader.

Have re-read each Scripture Lesson and show its answer to the subject of the meeting.

Sentence Prayers.

Superintendent's Remarks.

Closing Part.

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May 30, 1926

HIGH ADVENTURE (CHAPTER 5) "THE NEED FOP THINGS FAMILIAR" (Missionary)

(Laura Wade Rice)

Scripture Topic—The Missionary's Great Charter.

Scripture—Luke 10:1-9, 26 and 24:45-49

Hymn—O Zion Haste, Com. Ser. Book 224.

Prayer.

Superintendent—We have two great reasons for being missionary workers. The first is—we have something the world needs—it were selfish to keep it for ourselves. The second reason is—we are under orders—it were disobedient not to give it to others. "I don't believe in foreign missions," said a flippant young British officer at a banquet in India. The guest of honor was the Duke of Wellington. He turned sharply on his subordinate. "Young man, what are your marching orders?" was his stern reproof. No one who bears the name of Christian dares question the wisdom or authority of his Great Commander.

"Ours not to reason why
Ours not to make reply,
Ours but to do—and die."

Yes—die, if He sees best! Thousands of earth's bravest have died for Him who died for them. There is no nobler life—or death.

Select readings from *The Bible and Missions*, pp. 75-93.

Hymn—From Greenland's Icy Mountains Com. Ser. Book, 220.

Lesson—"High Adventure," Chapter 5.

Superintendent—Perhaps you have been far from your home town or city, and learn that some folks there "came from your part of the country." One can hardly resist hunting them up—if only to hear them say the name of a familiar street. Fancy being thousands of miles away from "things familiar."

Leader—This home-feeling makes us understand all the "Little Italys," "Little Germanys," "Little Polands" found in our big cities. After struggling all day to understand and be understood in a foreign language—what a rest to a homesick soul to go home at night to even an uninviting spot where one may be one's self.

A. As the new things grow familiar young folks have less and less of such feelings. But the older folks do not so easily learn to feel at home. The larger the group of Poles or Slovaks, or Russians the more likely they are to put into their lives just as much of the old home ways as is possible. Who can blame them? Their daily life is likely just hard labor, injustice, misunderstanding—even cruelty.

B. If any of you read *From Alien to Citizen,* by Edw. A. Steener, since our last meeting with its personal experiences as an immigrant, and tried to imagine yourself in a strange land, buffeted by injustice and hard circumstances—I defy any boy or girl to go through that and not long for some one who understands—and cares.

C. Very likely we would say "Something ought to be done to change this," and we would get together and form a club or a society and have meetings and discuss things. The immigrants do this, and if they make un-American plans sometimes—who can wonder?

D. But we all need fun—and a chance to have our own sort of a good time, provided it *is* a "good" time and not a low, vicious one. So among these Slavic immigrants a *Sokol* or brotherhood is formed. Read High Adventure, pp. 125-127.

E. Music is a joy and a need to these people, and so we find them organizing singing societies. Read p. 127. Their music is beautiful, and so are their folk dances, much more beautiful and good than our jazzy whirls. Read p. 128.

F. But their hearts go back home, and seeing—even through clouds—what America offers of good and of freedom—they want to send their new ideas back and help their people up. So they form National Alliances and Leagues, which have been very helpful in giving and helping in their home lands. Pp. 129-30.

G. But all nations know that there is a God, and that man must worship Him. So both Roman Catholic and Orthodox Greek Catholic Churches try to help their people in this way. Our immigrant problem would be a much harder one without their help. But some find no help or happiness in these churches, and to such, daily turning not only from Church, but from God, we must try to take such a vision of Jesus Christ as will draw them into His ways of life and of service.

H. Perhaps the hardest thing in this problem is that the fathers and mothers soon are pushed into the background. They do not easily learn the new ways and the new language. "I'm an American," says the boy, the girl, "but" pointing to mother, "she's Polish" or "she's Slovak." The older face saddens—so busy is she in the few little rooms with the many little mouths to cook for and little bodies to cover—how can she learn American and keep up with her growing children? Many a heart-ache comes soon after America is reached and never stops till the busy mother-hands are folded—perhaps for the first time, and forever. P. 132.

I. School life does not always spell love and help for the boys and girls who are "different," who are foreigners. Older ones have to go too soon to work to help with the home expenses. Pp. 133-4.

J. Night schools help them. The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. with their meetings and classes. But the greatest work is what the Christian churches have and can do for them. Some of them are already Lutherans—it is for us to seek them out and show them that we are really brothers in the faith and with respect and brotherliness, not condescension, give to them the best the Church and Christianity has given us in a life of worship and service—the better than best it has given us—Jesus Christ, their and our Elder Brother and Friend.

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The Messenger tells the news.

Bridgeport, First Evangelical Lutheran.—The offerings at the weekly devotional meetings for the month of February will go for the World Service Campaign of the National Lutheran Council. The honor of being the first society in Connecticut to complete contributions to the A. C. C. A. B. goes to this energetic society. Topic team visited on January 31 as per program.

MINNESOTA

Items from *The Extender.*—A splendid convention of the Twin City District was held on February 21. Dr. Bieber was the main speaker.

Dr. Strock's presence in the Twin Cities on Life Service Day was a great aid to the Andhra appeal.

Junior Department

(Catherine Traver, daughter of the General Secretary of the Luther League of America. Catherine likes her bicycle. She also likes the Sustaining Membership in the Luther League of America, which the New York City District Juniors have presented to her.)

(Read this letter at the April meetings.)

DEAR JUNIORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS:

As Mr. Dittmer, treasurer of the Luther League of America would say, "it's great to be a Luther Leaguer in these days!" The Luther League is advancing—great things are ahead of us. And the Junior Department has a large share in this forward movement. The Luther League officers and the Church at large realize more and more that the Juniors are the Church of Tomorrow, and plan accordingly. They, in increasing measure, appreciate the complete program which the League offers, and so the work with the children of twelve and under is at last taking its rightful place in our League program. Let our motto be, "Forward Together."

The Sustaining Membership is becoming popular among th Juniors. Twenty Junior Leagues have taken out Five Dollar Funds. The New York City Juniors honored Catherine Traver. The Brooklyn and Long Island Juniors will similarly honor Clarence Paul Dittmer, our Treasurer's little son. The Western District Ohio Juniors will take out a membership for Baby Kochheiser, the son of the first Vice-President of the Luther League of America. Who will be the next group of Juniors to take out one for some Junior—perhaps the son or daughter of your pastor, your Junior president or secretary?

The Andhra Christian College Fund is also far surpassing our fondest hopes. When it was reported that the Senior Leagues had contributed $5,000, one-fifth of their total amount, we also rejoiced that the Juniors had contributed one-fifth of their total. Now at this writing (February 27) we have just about one-third—$164.86. We are not raising $500 however, we are building a room for three students in Andhra College in India. The Juniors everywhere are enthused. First Church, Findlay, Ohio Juniors, had charge of a Sunday evening program and gave an Andhra evening. St. Matthew's, Oswego, N. Y., likewise used the same plan. Faith, Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa. gave a special program. St. James, Cleveland, Ohio, gave an India playlet and invited all the other churches. Holy Trinity New York City had an India Party. And so the reports come in. Let us oversubscribe our $500! Use the exercise "A. C. C." in the December, 1925, REVIEW. Plan an India Palm Tree Party as a social for your whole congregation as suggested in the January REVIEW. Make a Palm Tree Chart to record your offerings.

Our Campaign for new Leagues is also more than successful so far! 32 new Leagues were last reported, 9 more were added this month, making a total of 42—almost one-fourth of the total amount, 200. And only two months of the year gone when this report is made (February 27). We are only counting registered Leagues, so *please register* if you have not done so. Send for a registration blank, or on a post card send the name of your church, superintendent's name and address, when organized and number enrolled. Help us organize new Junior Leagues.

The Juniors have also been Rallying! On January 6 a Rally was held in Epiphany Camden, N. J., when a splendid Cantata was given. On February 5 a Rally was held in Trenton, when Christ Juniors gave a splendid program of music and exercises. Saturday, February 6 an all day Rally for Juniors and Intermediates was held in Jersey City. These Juniors are now all ready to go to the New Jersey State Convention and demonstrate what they can do. On Febru-

ary 13 the Philadelphia District Juniors had a good convention, with five or six Junior Leagues taking part. Get the Juniors in your neighborhood together for a Rally.

The biggest event in Junior circles has been the first national Junior Institute held in Philadelphia on February 20. This was arranged for our superintendents in the East, another will be held later in the West. 30 felt it worth while enough to come to Philadelphia for this meeting, almost every district in Pennsylvania was represented, and New York was represented likewise. We talked over some plans for the work in the morning and in the afternoon discussed some problems. A full report is given in the News Items. Two things developed—first, that all expressed themselves as hoping this would be an annual affair, and (second) a Standard Program for local, district and state Junior Leagues was arranged. More of this again.

The Easter Season is with us again. Did you use the Lenten Lessons in the Junior League? All who have report that the children have been immeasurably helped. May Easter be a time of happiness and blessedness to you all. Send in to the Secretary a report of your Easter activities.

Yours in His work,

BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE,
Junior Secretary.

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May 2, 1926

MISSIONARY TOPIC

Missionary topics for the current six months are based on the book Brave Adventurers. Helpful materials for leaders are:

Brave Adventurers, a book of stories on which the programs are based. Price 50 cents, paper binding; 75 cents cloth.

How to Use, a booklet of helps for leaders, with patterns for handwork. Price 15 cents. One copy of this booklet is included in each program packet.

Poster Pattern Set. An envelope containing eight full-size patterns for posters to be made in the popular cut-paper work, and an additional sheet of patterns for alphabets of various sizes. Price 50 cents for the set.

Cross-word Puzzles. A set of eight cross-word puzzles, one on each chapter. Price 3 cents a set, 20 cents a dozen sets. Mimeographed sheet giving answers, five cents.

The Program Packet which contains a copy of the booklet, How to Use Brave Adventurers, Bible Lessons, and other leaflets. Price 30 cents.

These missionary supplies may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Leaders should note that there are eight chapters in the book Brave Adventurers. If they prefer to base their May program on the seventh chapter, "The Home that Was Built From a Bed" rather than the sixth, they will find a suggested program outline on Page 8 of the booklet, How to Use Brave Adventurers. Possibly an extra session may be arranged in order to study all of the chapters.

YES AND NO

AIM—*To help the boys and girls to understand that God answers all our prayers and that "no" is an answer as truly as "yes."*

HANDWORK AND DISCUSSION PERIOD—The leader should guide an informal discussion as the members of the group carry on various kinds of handwork.

WORSHIP PERIOD—*Hymn of faith and trust.*

Sentence prayers of thanksgiving and praise.

Bible story of prayer that was answered in a different way from that expected by the one who prayed.

OFFERING.

CONVERSATION PERIOD—Did your father and mother ever say "no" when you wanted them to say "yes?" Did you ever ask for something and feel terribly disappointed because you did not get it and then find out later that you received something that was really what you asked for, even though you didn't recognize it at first? Would you like to hear two stories of people who prayed for something and had their prayers answered even though they did not recognize the answer at first?

STORY PERIOD—Tell the stories of "The Ship that Sailed" and "The Stay-at-Home Missionary."

DISCUSSION PERIOD—Follow each story with discussion. Are Monica and Samuel Mills worthy of a place on the Brave Adventurers chart? If so, why? It not, why not? What did St. Augustine mean when he said of Monica, his mother, "God refused her what she then demanded so earnestly to give her that which she all along prayed for?"

In how many ways did Mills, the stay-at-home missionary, go into all the world? How far did his prayers go? How did Obookiah help him to be a missionary? When Mills helped to start the American Bible Society did he go into all the world? When God answers your prayer with "no" can you believe His answer is a good one? Can we be stay-at-home missionaries now? How?

MEMORY PERIOD—Recite the verses in the Memory Chain and add a new quotation. (*See page* 10, *How to Use Brave Adventurers.*)

HANDWORK PERIOD—Make a plasteline model of the Haystack Monument according to the pattern and instructions given, or let each member cut a monument out of paper and write on it the names of the five students. Make any articles needed by missionaries or by hospitals, or homes for the aged, or for children.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT SESSION—Arrange for making poster and displaying it.

Appoint some one to bring flag of China. The rainbow flag may be very easily made by sewing together strips of red, yellow,

blue, white and black ribbon or cambric. (*See picture in encyclopedia.*)

Collect pictures of China.

If you are skipping Chapter VII make advance preparation for the presentation of Chapter VIII.

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May 9, 1926

MOTHER

Prov. 29:15.

(Make this a special meeting. See the suggestions in the leaflet "Good Times" in the Packet for a Mothers' Meeting. Use this.)

Some Bible Mothers

(To be given by a number of the smaller girls dressed in white, if possible.)

One of the mothers we read about in the Bible in *Hannah.* Our Bible tells us how Hannah prayed for a son, and when God sent her a son, we learn that she took him to the Temple as soon as he was old enough and let him live there, that he might do the Lord's work. You remember how he served old Eli, the High Priest. Many of our mothers would be glad if some of us would become ministers, and give our lives to the Lord's work. Some of them have consecrated their sons to God's work when they were tiny babies, hoping some day they might become pastors.

Timothy, our Bible tells us, was taught the Scriptures from his infancy. His good mother, *Eunice,* and his grandmother *Lois* taught him about the Church from his early childhood. So our mothers teach us. Our first prayers are learned at mother's knee, it is mother who sends us to Sunday School, it is mother who helps bring us into the Church at confirmation.

Sarah is another mother which the Bible tells us of. God gave her and Abraham a wonderful promise, that their followers should be a mighty nation, more than the sands of the sea. And when God sent them their son, Isaac, how happy they were and how proud they were of him! What great plans they had in mind for him! Just so, every mother plans for her children and dreams of what they will become when they grow up. Every mother wants her boy or her girl to grow up into the very best kind of a man or a woman. Let us not disappoint them.

The greatest mother which the Bible tells us of is *Mary,* the mother of Jesus. To her was given the high honor of caring for that little Babe of Bethlehem Who came on that first Christmas night. Let us listen to the beautiful song (Luke 1:46-55) which Mary sang to show her joy.

Mother

(Have a large vase on a table, have this filled with white carnations. These might be made by the Juniors the week before of tissue paper. Have the different sentiments expressed below written on slips of paper, and fastened about the stems of the carnations with a rubber band. Have the Juniors come forward and read these in turn, and then have them present the carnations to one of the mothers present, until all have received one.)

There are many friends in the world, many books, many flowers, many of everything else, but only one mother.

Who is it that guided all our baby steps and cared for us when we were tiny? Who kissed our fingers when we hurt them, or wiped away our tears when we fell? Mother!

Who is it that cares for us—sacrifices for us—does without that we may have—who is glad when we are glad—sorry when we are sorry—who is happy when we succeed, and helps us when we fail? Mother!

Who is proud of us when we do well in our school lessons—who is it wants us to succeed and make the most of ourselves? Mother!

Who is anxious when we are ill, cares for all our wants, and does everything they can to make us well again? Mother!

Who sends us to the church, and helps us know more of our Lord and Saviour, who teaches us our prayers, helps us read our Bibles? Mother!

Many great men have said, "all that I am I owe to my mother."

Some one has said that home "is where mother is."

Papers

Have the Juniors several weeks before the meeting each prepare a short story or paper on "Mother." Have two of these read at the meeting, the best one written by a girl, and the best prepared by a boy.

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May 16, 1926

DAVID, WHOSE TORCH HELPED HIS PEOPLE TO BECOME A NATION

I Sam. 16:1, 10-13.

(Another of the "Bible Torchbearer" Topics. Review the previous lessons. Are you using the "Torchbearer Daily Bible Readings" given in the Program Packet? They will help in the study of these lessons. The Bible Topics should teach the Juniors to read the Bible, if they accomplish nothing else. Have all bring Bibles to Junior League, at the beginning of the meeting ask all who have briught them to hold them us. During the study of the topics have all the Juniors find the passages

read in their Bibles and follow same as they are given.)

THE TOPIC

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson—David Chosen King.—I Samuel 16:1, 10-13.

Leader—God called David to be a King. He chose him from all the other youths among the Children of Israel. He was only a shepherd boy. Yet God chose him for King. God often chooses us to do great work. He has chosen each one of us to work for Him. Are we working?

We have learned how the Israelites have finally reached the Promised Land and were at war with the heathen tribes which they found there. Gradually they were driven farther and farther back. And then God began to draw them together into that mighty nation which He promised Abraham hundreds of years before He would do.

Junior—David, the Musician, is the first picture we get of David. As a shepherd boy he played on the flute out in the fields while watching the flocks. Then when the old king, Saul, heard of him, he had him come to the palace and play on the harp for him (read I Samuel 17-23). Afterward some of the great love he had for music, David put into some of the great hymns which he wrote, the Psalms.

Junior—The next picture we get of David is *David, The Champion.* We all know the story of David fighting the giant. (Read I Samuel 17:32.) There are giants for us to fight, too. Sometimes big things scare us, and we think they are so big we cannot do them. Big tasks come for us to do, big difficulties and hard things come along, and we just don't try to fight them, because we think they are too big. But like David we must go out and fight the giants.

Junior—David, the Hunted, is our next picture. David went to the palace and played before the king until the king became jealous of him and tried to kill him. He fled then and hid. (Read 1 Samuel 19:18-20.) He was trying to do right, but the King was evil. Often it is hard to be a Torchbearer, as David was trying to be. Often one suffers for trying to hold high God's Truth and Word.

Junior—David, the Generous, is the rest of this part of the story. David hid in a cave, but Saul found him there. Saul rests in the front of the cave and falls asleep before he sees David, however, and David instead of killing Saul, as he might, comes, cuts off a piece of his robe, so he may prove to the king that he was really there, and spared his life, and then leaves the cave. (Read I Samuel 24:1-7.)

Junior—At last the time is ready for David to become king of the mighty nation into which the Children of Israel had grown. *David the King,* is the picture I give. We heard how David was called. He was thirty years old when he was chosen ruler, and he reigned forty years. During these years he held up the Torch of God's Truth, and helped his people to become a nation. (Reads II Samuel 5:1-5.)

Junior—The nation grew as a nation, but still David was not satisfied. The people needed a big church or temple where they might worship God. He planned a marvelous temple modelled after the pattern God had given the people way back when they left Egypt, when they carried the Ark before them, and set up the Tabernacle wherever they stopped. Nothing but the most magnificent woods, the richest gold and the purest jewels were to go into this Temple. *David, the Builder* made many plans. (Reads II Samuel 7:1-3.) But he was not to carry them out because he had sinned against the Lord and this was his punishment. He planned for the Temple, his son, Solomon, was the one to whom God gave the work of really building the Temple.

Leader—So we have the Torch carried on until the people have become a mighty nation under David. We will learn in other lessons, how others ket this Torch burning.

Handwork—Add the picture of David—in series suggested under Topic for January 10—to Torchbearer Chart.

(If you wish your whole Junior League to work together on a project, it might be interesting to have them work out a model of the Temple. Have them study pictures in Stories of the Bible and Bible commentaries, and read of the city of Jerusalem. Then let them model the walls and the buildings and the Temple of Ivory Soap. Tinfoil can be used for the river, sponges dyed green for the foliage of the trees, a wooden stick for the trunk, and a button mould for the base, toothpicks might be used for the columns around the courtyard of the temple, and sand and green sawdust to represent the earth and grass. (This was worked out by a class of six girls, twelve years old, and their teacher, Miss Dorothea Pfatteicher, in the Church School of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa.))

Closing—Hymn, Sentence Prayers, Lord's Prayer.

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May 23, 1926

LUTHER LEAGUE AROUND THE WORLD

Phil. 2:4

(This is one of the Luther League series of Topics. For this meeting decorate the

platform or front of the room with crepe streamers in the League colors, and use the flags of America, England (for India), China and Japan. Invite the Senior League as special guests to this meeting, have the President bring greetings, and have the Juniors participating serve refreshments.)

Hymn—Luther League Rally Hymn.

Scripture Verse—Memorized—Phil. 2:4.

(Enter two Juniors dressed in red, white and blue. These dresses may be made of crepe paper.)

First Junior—My, I am glad I belong to the Luther League. It is the Young People's Society of our Church. We are a big organization. There are about 850 Senior societies, with a membership of about 25,000.

Second Junior—Yes the Luther League covers a large territory. There are Leagues in Connecticut, in Washington and Oregon, in Florida and Texas, in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, in Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, in Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North and South Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wisconsin.

Beside the Senior societies there are the Intermediate and Junior Department. 107 Intermediate organizations with 1,800 members and 204 Junior societies with 6,700 boys and girls is the force which will soon be the Luther League of America.

(Enter group of Juniors with placards as indicated below or dressed as noted.)

First Junior—But who are these? They look like strange children. Surely they have made a mistake. They don't belong here!

Second Junior—No, they don't belong in Junior League!

Other Juniors (in concert)—Oh, Yes, we do! Listen while we tell you!

Junior (with placard bearing words "Virgin Isles" in large black letters)—I am a Junior from the Virgin Islands. Indeed we belong to the Luther League. We have Senior Leagues in each of our congregations there, study the Topics, have conventions, and read the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, just as you do here in America.

And we have *Junior* League there too. Sister Clara is in charge of the one at Christiansted, and Sister Nanca of the one at Frederiksted. When there is a convention we go too. Both of these Junior Leagues contribute to the Junior Objective, and the Juniors at Frederiksted sent a second offering last year. At the Milwaukee convention one of the finest exhibits was from the Virgin Island Juniors. Oh, yes, we belong to the Luther League!

Junior (bearing placard with name "South America")—I come from South America. We speak Spanish there. Our Lutheran Church is just beginning work, but we are growing. And there are several Luther Leagues. The missionary, Rev. Ralph White, reports several groups of Luther Leaguers. Can't we have more Luther Leagues, and can't some Junior Luther Leagues be started, too?

Junior (bearing placard with name "Porto Rico")—In the Island of Porto Rico we know what Luther League means! We have a strong District Luther League, with sixteen Senior Leagues, with officers and members working hard and studying topics in Spanish.

And there is a Junior League, too. There are 70 members. Wouldn't you like to write letters or send some gifts to these Juniors?

Miss Mellander, the missionary from the United States, when she was in Porto Rico was a good Luther Leaguer, and helped the work.

Junior (in sari—six yards of cheesecloth draped about body)—I come from India. The Luther League has come to India, too. There are several Boys' Leagues. We read the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. A great many of the missionaries are Luther Leaguers.

And now since Andhra College is being built, India will know more about the Luther League. Dr. Strock and Mr. Manikam both say that when they get back to India they are going to work harder than ever for the Luther League. When the fine Administration Building is built, perhaps some day we can have over there in India—an International Luther League convention from which Luther Leaguers from all over the world can go.

Junior (wearing a Japanese kimono and carrying a Japanese parasol)—I come from Japan. We have heard about Luther League in Japan, too. Some of the missionaries are Luther Leaguers. Miss Marion Potts who came from Philadelphia is a Luther Leaguer. The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Heins are Luther Leaguers, and they are supported by the New York State Luther League. Perhaps it may not be long before we have some Luther Leagues or young people's societies in Japan, and some Junior Leagues, too!

Junior (in Chinese costume—a suit of blue chintz, made over a pajama pattern may be used)—In China there are many young people in our mission stations who might belong to the Luther League. And it may be that soon we will have some Junior Leagues. Last year the Junior Leaguers sent to China a gift for children's work which showed that you were thinking about us. Won't you tell us more about the Luther League?

First Junior—I didn't know that all these

people were thinking about Luther League!

Second Junior—Neither did I! But who are the rest of these people?

Junior (with placard, bearing the name "Orphan Homes")—I am the Junior Leagues in the Orphan Homes. In Pennsylvania there are Junior Leagues in the Topton Home, the Zelienople Home, the Loysville Home. Out in Nebraska at the Tabitha Home, at Lincoln, there is another. The boys and girls here enjoy the League meetings just as much as the boys and girls in the churches. And they help in all the work of the Junior League, too.

Junior (with placard, "Settlements")—There are Junior Leagues in some of our settlements, too. In Philadelphia there is a flourishing Junior League at our Martin Luther Neighborhood House, our settlement for the Italian boys and girls. They are anxious for the League meetings, and almost always have the largest number at the Junior rallies.

At our Philadelphia Settlement House we also have a Junior League, a new one. The boys and girls had been coming to the Senior meetings on Sunday meetings, until they began to feel they ought to have a meeting all their very own. So now they have a Junior League!

First Junior—I am so glad that there are Luther Leagues in so many places. I thought it just belonged to America.

Second Junior—No, we have learned today about "Luther League Around the World." And there is a song in which we can all join—all we Juniors.

(All form a semicircle on platform, and sing the Junior League Rally Hymn.)

Closing Hymn and Prayers.

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May 30, 1926

SHOWING THE RIGHT SPIRIT IN OUR HOME

Eph. 6:1-3.

THE TOPIC

Hymn.

Memory Verse (Eph. 6:1-3)—"Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, which is the first Commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth."

Leader (one of the Juniors)—What kind of boys or girls are we in our homes? Do we show the same spirit there as we do when we are outside? It is sometimes not so hard to do the right thing when among our friends, playing on the street, or with those we meet at school or Junior League. We want these folks to think us "nice," so we have on our "company manners." It is not so hard to show the right spirit in school, either, toward our teachers, because we must; if we do not we suffer punishment. But the real test of a boy or a girl is how they act when they are at home and just their own folks are about. What kind of spirit do you show toward your home folks? You should show them the very best, but do you always? Are you sunshiny and happy or do you go around with a long face because you cannot always do as you please? Are you kind to little brother and sister, and do you help them in their play? Do you share with them? Are you and your father pals? Or do you do things which you know your father would not want you to do? Do you show mother that you love her, and do you tell her so from time to time, or do things to please her and show her that you love her? Do you do things cheerfully about the house? Are folks at home glad to see you when you come in the house? What kind of spirit do you show at home?

(Enter six Juniors, dressed in white tarlatan or net dresses over slips of white chintz, with bands of tinsel in their hair, and carrying shields with the names of the spirits they represent in silver letters.)

THE SPIRITS OF THE HOME

Spirit of Love—"Hatred stirreth up strifes, but love covereth all sins" (Prov. 10:12) (carrying shield with word "Love"). I am the Spirit of Love. Without me there can be no happy homes. We are willing to do anything for those we love. No matter how poor or how rich the home, it is love which makes it a happy one. Boys and girls not only should have the spirit of love for their parents, brothers and sisters, and all in the home, but they must show it. Love will not let us speak angry words or unkind things, it will make us forgiving, helpful, it will make us gentle, it will make us joyful and happy; it will make us shed sunshine everywhere in the home.

Spirit of Obedience.—My name is Obedience. Obedience is after Love the most necessary thing in the home. What kind of a man will John be if he does not obey his father? Will Mary be the right kind of woman when she grows up and perhaps has a home of her own if she is not willing to listen to what mother tells her now? We read in Proverbs 6:20-33 "Keep thy father's commandment and forsake not the law of thy mother."

Father and mother know so many more things than we do, they were children as we are now, grew up, and learned many lessons. Now they are trying to teach us these lessons. They love us so much that they would never ask us to do anything that would not be the very best thing for us. They want

us to have the very best. We should be quick and willing to obey.

Spirit of Helpfulness—The spirit of Helpfulness is such a fine thing to show in the home. We all know the story of the happy home at Bethany, where lived Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus. (Reads Luke 10:48-42.) This was the home Jesus loved so much to visit. The Spirit of Helpfulness was there.

We should show this spirit in our homes. So often we can help if we just would. Father and mother do their share, provide the home, give us food and clothes, schooling and other advantages, besides giving us love and sacrificing for us. And Juniors have a share to do, too.

Some Juniors throw their books, and their toys and hats and gloves, all over the house. Some leave their room upset, with their clothes thrown across chairs instead of hung neatly in the closet. Some Junior boys and girls frown and have a long face if they must go to the store, or bring up coal, or run errands. Some girls don't want to dry dishes, or set the table, or do any work about the house at all! Do you know boys or girls like that? By any chance are you one of them? Is that showing the right spirit in the home?

Spirit of Mildness—A mild spirit is a good thing to show in the home, too. Do you get angry when things do not go as you want them to go? Do you quarrel over the books or toys with your brothers and sisters? Do you scold and speak harshly? Are you sulky when told to do anything? II Tim. 2:24 is a good verse to say when you feel that way ("the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, patient")!

Forgiving Spirit—A forgiving spirit is necessary in the home, too. Col. 3:13 says, "Forebearing one another and forgiving one another." Suppose brother or sister does something we do not like. Let's just forget it, and start all over again. Don't try to get even, don't fret about it, don't hold it against them.

A Willing Spirit—A willing Spirit in the home helps make "the wheels go round." It smoothes out many little things. Willing to help mother, willing to be on time for meals, willing to obey, willing to do our share of work, willing to take what father and mother can give us without wanting more or better—all these things will help to make home happy.

(Spirits leave platform.)

Leader—I am sure that we can all learn some lessons from these Spirits, and if we do the things they have told us to do, we will be showing a right spirit in the home, and home will be brighter and better because we do our part.

Discussion—Ask each Junior to tell one thing he can do at home that will be showing the right spirit.

Closing—Hymn and Lord's Prayer.

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Junior League Institute

On February 20, in the Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, there was held a Junior Institute, the first of its kind, in the history of the Luther League of America. 30 Leaguers representing the Luther League of America, the Pennsylvania and New York Leagues, each District in the Pennsylvania League, and a number of local organizations, gathered for this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the Junior workers better one with another, to discuss plans and problems, and outline some definite plans for the work. In this the meeting was highly successful.

The morning session was opened by a brief devotional period in charge of Mr. C. W. Fuhr, Junior Secretary, Luther League of Pennsylvania.

The morning was devoted to a "Get Acquainted" Period, with reports from the various Junior secretaries, and to a Discussion Period, when under the direction of the Junior Secretary, the program and plans of the Junior Department were presented and discussed.

A social time was much enjoyed about the table at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by devotions in charge of the General Secretary, the Rev. A. J. Traver.

An Open Forum on Local and District Problems was conducted by Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr, in which were discussed plans for securing new leaders for carrying on the work in the District, and for the organization of new Leagues.

"Our Plans for 1926"—the campaign for 200 new Leagues, the Reading Course Contest, the Andhra Christian College Objective and Sustaining Memberships from Junior Leagues—was presented by the Junior Secretary.

After a discussion of all the phases of the work, the following Standards for locals was suggested:

Standard for Local Junior Luther Leagues.

1. Use of the Junior Topics.
2. Use of the Junior Program Packet.
3. Officers and Committees appointed from Juniors.
4. Juniors themselves taking part in the meeting.
5. One public program a year by the Juniors.
6. Something for others—work or contributions for foreign, home or inner missions.
7. Joint meeting with the Senior or Intermediate League.
8. Promotion exercises to the Intermediate or Senior League.
9. Juniors at rallies or conventions.
10. Contribution to the special Junior Objective.
11. Junior Reading Course—purchased and circulated.
12. A Five Dollar Sustaining Membership taken out.

Compliance with the first eight points—makes a League a Black Star Junior League, nine points—a Red Star Junior League, ten points a White Star League, eleven points a Blue Star League and twelve points a Gold Star League. It is hoped to issue certificates to all Leagues as they reach these Standards.

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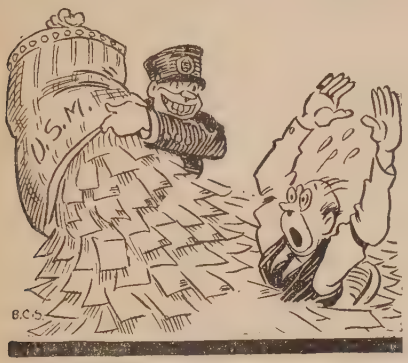

We are not quite in the condition of the chap above. But the subscriptions are coming into our office at a splendid rate. We are addressing a great many new friends this month and we are glad to have them in our family circle. We know that they will find the Review a big help in their Luther League activities. We believe they will find the Review interesting. It is usually interesting in the measure the reader is trying to carry out the whole Luther League Program.

We met a critic of the Luther League Review, recently. He is one of the two or three still living. He said that he didn't think the Review was interesting. We promptly put him through the catechism, not Luther's, Traver's. Do you have devotional meetings in your League? No. Do you follow the Luther League Bible Readings? No. Any system at all? No. Do you have Junior or Intermediate Leagues under the care of the Senior League? No. Did you ever try out our suggestions for Socials? No, didn't know you made any. Are you interested in Missions and Life Service? Not particularly. Then he told me how it was! He was a regular "alibi Ike," just like all the young folks who have not the push to put over the whole League program. His crowd was so different. They couldn't be drawn into a devotional meeting. Etc. Etc. We turned him back to the starting place and told him that we didn't wonder he was not interested in the Review, because it was the work-sheet for a *working Leaguer*.

Our editorial ears are wide open for the constructive criticisms of the active worker. We are a little deaf on the side toward the folks who expect the Review to let down to their restricted plane of interests. For the fellow who wants help in putting over a real Luther League program in the congregation, we believe we have the dope. (You know what we mean.)

The office awaits a swamping inrush of subscriptions old and new.

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LIFE SERVICE JOTS

Philadelphia District Life Service Department.—We are now planning for a series of conferences with the Presidents of our local leagues, in order to get them thoroughly familiar with the work, so that it will be stressed in all of our organizations, and after our local leagues carry out the above suggestions, the District League will arrange for a series of conferences for our local Life Service Secretaries for instructions and discussion of plans and problems. At these conferences some of the following topics will be discussed:

1. The Church and the Conservation of Youth.
2. Influences Which Secure Responses from Young People.
3. Young People in Rural Parishes.
4. Vocational Information and Fuidance.
5. Presenting Life Service Challenge.
6. Discovery and Training of Leaders.
7. Elements of Programs.
8. The Pastor and the Young People.

York—Life Service.—Our good old Lutheran Church is going to go on doing the work God has given her to do just as long as we have strong God-fearing preachers and leaders in the Church. We now have twenty-five young men studying for the ministry and one for the deaconess work out of a confirmed membership of 19,177 or one student out of every 767 members. So we are asking every Pastor of the York County Conference to hold a Life Service Day program for the young people, to hold before them Life Service work and see the field white unto the harvest waiting for the young people to hear the call and gather in the sheaves for the Master. Many of our young people have heard the call to service through our young people's societies. Let us help others to hear this same call.

League News Items

OHIO

Carey—Life Service Institute

The fourth Life Service Institute of the Western District was held at Christ Lutheran Church, Carey, O., Sunday afternoon and evening, February 7, 1926. Rev. F. F. Secrist, Toledo in charge. Rev. Secrist stated the purpose of these meetings, songs were sung, W. Carl Satre, Executive Secretary, Luther League, Synod of Ohio then read the Scripture. Three members of the Student Volunteer Band of Wittenberg College gave talks on Missions, Education and The Opportunity. Mr. Satre also gave a talk on the Place of the Luther League in Life Service. Life Service cards were distributed and explained by the District president. Rev. L. P. Speaker, Carey, dismissed the afternoon session. The Carey League then served lunch in their new parish house.

At the evening session Rev. Speaker led the vesper service. Rev. Secrist reading the Scripture. Rev. W. E. Bradley of Fremont gave the address of the evening. He talked on "Arguers with God," telling of Moses arguing with God, and telling us the reason there is not more Christians in Life Service is because we, like Moses, are Arguers with God. Rev. Secrist, Toledo, then dismissed the service with prayer, after which the Carey League presented the pageant "The Heritage of the Child," a pageant requiring 66 characters which presented a beautiful lesson and was enjoyed by all. An offering was taken which amounted to $19.67.

Western District—Two new Leagues have been added to the District roll in the past month. St Matthew's Junior League, Toledo, O., and a Senior League at Paulding, O.

Annual Convention, Eastern District of the Luther League of the Synod of Ohio February 22, 1926

The Eastern District of the Luther League of the Synod of Ohio met in annual convention at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kent, Ohio, on February 22, 1926. The Leagues were much pleased to have present Mr. Lutz, General Secretary of the State Organization, and Mr. W. Carl Satre, State Executive Secretary, also Rev. H. C. Leonard.

The morning session opened with President G. A. North presiding. The minutes of the last annual convention were read and approved by the meeting. President North then outlined some recommendations which he thought might be contributory to good work in the leagues as follows: First, that the local leagues in any community should keep in touch with each other, holding a picnic or joint meeting at least once a year. Second, that the leagues elect officers who are efficient, rather than for their popularity. Third, that each league write at least once a year to the president, keeping in closer touch with him. Fourth, that a subconvention be held in the southern part of the district during the fall, for the convenience of the leagues in that section. Fifth, that all local leagues hold their election of officers at the same time and install new officers at the same time, preferably January 1.

Following President North's address Mr. W. Carl Satre, Executive Secretary of the State, addressed the convention on the subject "What We As Luther Leaguers Can Do for the Church."

In outlining the work which the Luther League could do for the Church Mr. Satre stated, 1—that it should work hand in hand with the pastor; 2—that the Luther League should bring young people into the Church through the channel of the League activities; 3—That the Luther Leaguers should attend church after the League meeting and should be regular in their attendance at all church services.

At the dinner meeting the Convention Topic, "God's Household," was carried out through a series of ten-minute talks by President North, Miss Edna Parsons, Mr. Kenneth Balk, Mr. Robert Willaman, and the discussion was closed by President North.

The afternoon session was opened by devotionals conducted by Rev. Heintz.

Rev. H. C. Leonard gave an address on the League Program. Rev. Leonard in his address outlined a program for the Luther League with growth intellectually, physically and spiritually.

Following the report of the Nominating Committee, the following officers were elected for the year 1926: George North, President; Mr. Earl McPeek, Vice-President (north); Mr. Earl Shep, Vice-President (south); Miss Ruth Waltz, Recording Secretary; Miss Mildred Miller, Statistical Secretary; George Krause, Secretary.

Rev. G. C. Wagner addressed the convention on the subject, "Working with God." Rev. Wagner stated that God's purpose on earth was to work, and that as Luther Leaguers we were given a great work to do. He defined this work as laboring together with God, and our mission in life as cooperating with Him in the work of the world. This work he defined as elevating, enlightening and saving the whole world. He gave as qualifications for the work—1. to be established upon a sure foundation, with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone; 2. a living and active faith, "belief in the word of the Spirit, the word of God;" 3. love, "the love shown by Christ in giving His life for the world." 4. necessary instruction and belief in God's word. Our own individual work as Luther Leaguers was defined by Rev. Wagner as: First—To set the right kind of an example. Second—To live a life of service for God. Third—Generous giving. Rev. Wagner likened givers to flint, which must be struck and then only gives forth sparks; to a sponge which gives liberally but must first be squeezed; and to the honeycomb, which gives gladly and freely to all.

At the supper meeting Mr. Lutz, General Secretary, spoke regarding the state work in the Luther Leagues.

At the evening session the new officers of the Eastern District were installed by Rev. Heintz. Rev. J. H. L. Trout talked on "The Master of Dreams."

The spirit of the convention was one of great enthusiasm and love for the Luther League work and we believe that each person attending carried away with him a greater determination that the work of Christ in the Luther League should be furthered in every way possible in the coming year.

VIRGINIA

Richmond, First Church.—A personal evangelism campaign has been started by the League. Within two weeks twenty-five people were asked

to accept Christ. There are forty members in the League.

Staunton, Christ Church.—At the beginning of the school term, the educational secretary secured from each school in our city the names of all Lutheran students enrolled therein, then wrote an individual letter to each student, inviting them to attend the League services, and all other services of the church. The latter part of October we entertained the students, and they seemed very appreciative of everything that was done for them. We are planning for more intensive work along this line during the months that follow.

Harrisonburg, Muhlenberg Church. — The League co-operated in running the annual One Week Bible Conference in February. The General Secretary spoke on Luther League night; $100 was recently donated to the Salem Orphans' Home.

NEW JERSEY

East Orange, N. J.—The Holy Trinity Church, Rev. Arthur Herbert, pastor, has recently organized a Luther League. The members of the League took charge of the New Year's Eve social, preceding the church service. They have pledged $25 to the Wagner College Endowment Fund. Recently the League gave a birthday social which was well attended by 120 young folks. The Leaguers are also interested in the devotional side of church work. Regular devotional meetings are held every Sunday at 7 p. m., which tend to increase the attendance at Vesper Service.

NEW YORK

Mt. Vernon, New York, St. Paul's.—An illustrated lecture entitled "The Wise and Foolish Virgins" was given on Sunday evening, January 17th, under the auspices of the Society.

Representatives of the Society attended the Annual Conference of the Westchester County Luther League which was held on January 16th at St. Matthew's, White Plains.

St. Thomas, New York City.—The oversubscription for Andhra by this League is above $100. This is the spirit that WINS. The General Secretary "points with pride" since this was his former League.

NEBRASKA

FROM THE SASSY "NEWS"

SALISBURY IN '27—OMAHA IN '29

At the executive committee meeting of the Luther League of America held at Philadelphia on February 2, it was decided to hold the 1927 convention in Salisbury, N. C. It is rather early to begin planning attendance at that convention but Nebraska must be well represented.

We are going to get the 1929 Convention for Omaha! It is rumored that we will have Niagara Falls to argue with but we can do it. Other National Conventions of organizations with their principal strength in the East have held their National Conventions in Omaha and even farther west—very successful ones, too. Why not the Luther League?

Niagara Falls may have plenty of water but watch our dust!!

Rev. Traver: Nebraska will be in Salisbury and we'll be there for business.

Editorial comment: "Wha d'ya think a that?"

Omaha District held a banquet at Pretty Mile Club. They are also planning an exchange of devotional leaders some Sunday in Lent.

WISCONSIN

The Milwaukee District Luther League was organized December 6, 1925. The following are the officers for 1926: Pres. Mr. Warren Schwartz, Reformation Church; First Vice-President, Mr. Geo. Rapps, Redeemer Church; Second Vice-President, Mr. Roy Kaestner, Epiphany; Recording Secretary, Miss Ethel Cowell, St. Matthew's Church, Wawatosa; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Florence Magerfleisch, Epiphany, Milwaukee; Treasurer, Miss Clara Hartmann, Wash. Park Church, Milwaukee.

It is planned to meet four times a year. The District pledged itself to raise $500 for the Andhra College Fund.

The Senior League of Epiphany Church, Milwaukee, has the following officers for 1926: Mr. Carl V. Raupach, President; Miss Harriet Luitink, Secretary; Miss Mildred Waldeck, Treasurer; Mrs. Harry Kaestner, Vice-President. Luther League topics are used at every meeting, or twice a month. The reading course is also used. About $50 has been subscribed up to the present for the Andhra College fund. The League has been very successful during its one year of existence without holding a single social meeting. The active membership is about twenty.

Milwaukee.—Lake Park Church was represented by the pastor and thirty-nine Luther Leaguers at the District Rally, Sunday, December 6th, at the Church of the Reformation. It was the largest church group present.

MISSOURI

St. Joseph.—A new and active League is stirring up things in St. Joseph. During the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. C. E. Gardner, the League is doing valiant work that the church may not lose ground.

PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg (Bethlehem Echoes).—The Eighth Annual Convention of the Harrisburg District Luther League is now history, and it was "some convention." The largest one in the history of the District proves that our District Work is on the jump. Six new Leagues were organized during the year. All members are alert to the large organization possibilities. Let each Leaguer follow the convention theme "Praying and Working" and use our personal efforts to make the District larger and stronger than ever.

Philadelphia—St. Simeon's ("News Broadcast").—A banquet in honor of the 5th Anniversary of the League was held and Secretary Traver was the invited speaker.

PHILADELPHIA JUNIOR CONVENTION—(THE APOSTLE'S TIDINGS)

A very successful Junior Luther League Convention was held in our Church on Saturday afternoon, February 13. The meeting was called to order by Miss Pratt, after which the Scripture lesson was read by Miss Elizabeth Early. Rev. Mr. Kuntz then gave the opening address, and fittingly welcomed the visiting delegations. Several selections were rendered by the Apostles' Junior Choir, Mr. Tritschler, Miss Melhouse and Rev. Amos Traver.

Live Wire Dinner.—It was *some* party at Trinity Church, Germantown. Fine feed, lively and noisy social program and a speech by the new General Secretary. The crowd of representative young Lutherans was an inspiration.

New Freedom—St. John's.—The Senior League gave "When West Meets East" in February. By aid of the offering the Andhra donation went eleven dollars over the top.

The new State Bulletin is great! Here are a few paragraphs:

A new Senior League was organized in St. John's Lutheran Church, Steelton, on Sunday, Feb. 7, Rev. C. N. Shindler, Pastor.

Who said it? (Not the Editor.)

Who said Pennsylvania is slow? Does it look it, when we have 402 subscriptions towards our 1,000 new subscriptions? Keep up the work and before we know it, we will have that 1,000.

OREGON—WASHINGTON

(Editor's Note: Sorry this report did not appear in an earlier issue. It lost itself.)

With the largest attendance on record of both delegates and visitors, the twenty-fifth convention of Columbia District Luther League, comprising branches in both Oregon and southern Washington, was held October 23-25 in St. James' English Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore., of which Rev. William E. Brinkman is pastor.

The convention theme was "Do All Things," and the motto, "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengtheneth Me" (Phil. 4:4-13), and the hymn, "Trusting in Thee, in Thee Alone," an original and fitting setting of words by Mr. W. E. Salzmann, district president, to the familiar tune of "St. Catherine."

The convention opened its sessions Friday evening, October 23, with registration of delegates, followed by a devotional service at which Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, of Portland, Ore., delivered the sermon, "The Studious Workman."

Saturday morning, preceded by a short song service, the convention opened for business. W. E. Salzmann, district president, and a member of the local League, gave the address of welcome and was responded to by Gus J. Weigelt, district vice-president, on behalf of the visiting Leagues.

The usual routine reports of the various officers and committees followed, after which came the presentation of the president's banner, which is given each year to the League attaining the highest average on the district's fifteen efficiency goals. St. James', of Portland, was found to be the winner with a one-tenth per cent. highest score. Zion, of The Dalles, last year's winners, was second highest.

An interesting report was next heard of the Milwaukee convention from W. E. Salzmann, delegate from Columbia District to attend the national gathering.

Adjournment was then taken for a noon recess and a sumptuous dinner served the delegates and visitors in the church club rooms by the St. James' Ladies' Aid.

In the afternoon unfinished business was disposed of and the reports of the committees on audits, resolutions and nominations were heard. Election of officers also took place at this session, the following being elected for the ensuing year: President, William E. Salzmann, Portland, Ore.; vice-president, Miss Hilda Schassen, The Dalles, Ore.; recording secretary, Miss Esther Hermans, Vancouver, Wash.; corresponding secretary, Miss Olive Abrahamson, Portland, Ore.; treasurer, Melvin S. Thompson, Vancouver, Wash.

Four conferences on "What Christ Would Have Us Do" were then held at follows: (1) "For Ourselves—Bible Reading and Study," Rev. Andrew Engeset, Portland, Ore.; (2) "For Our Church—Evangelism," Rev. H. I. Kohler, Kelso, Wash.; (3) "For Dur eLague—Fellowship," Miss Ruth Claasen, Vancouver, Wash.; (4) "For the World—Missions," Miss Lena Gosch, The Dalles, Oregon.

Saturday evening at 6 o'clock the delegates were honor guests at a unique "Banquet of the Nations" served by the Ladies' Aid in the church club rooms and at which about 150 young people were present. Not only were nearly all nations represented in the menu but under the direction of Mr. Carl Frost as toastmaster, they were also much in evidence in the stories and humor which prevailed.

Following the banquet a social evening was enjoyed with a "Travel Party."

Sunday morning, October 25, a special Bible class was held for the delegates at the Sunday school session.

At the morning church service Rev. George H. Hillerman, D.D., Western Superintendent of Missions, delivered a sermon on "The Compelling Vision."

Sunday afternoon the delegates visited points of interest about the city and at 6:45 o'clock assembled at the church club rooms for a light luncheon after which a model Luther League devotional meeting was held with Miss Olive Abrahamson, local League president, as leader.

At 8 o'clock the convention came to a close with the evening service at which Rev. William Schoeler, of Aurora, Ore., delivered the closing sermon, his subject being "The Christian's Goal." Special music was given at this as well as the other church services by the St. James' Choir and special soloists.

Following the installation of the newly elected officers and the singing of the Luther League rally hymn, the twenty-fifth convention came to an end.

This year's meeting was declared to be the largest and best ever held by Columbia District. Two new Senior Leagues (one at La Grande, Ore., and one at Longview, Wash.), and one new Intermediate League at Portland, Ore., were added to the district roll.

A number of important resolutions were adopted among which is the adoption with slight changes of the suggested list of goals of the Luther League of America; the prompt payment of the district's quota to the Andhra Christian College Administration Building Fund and the observance of Golden Rule Sunday, December 6.

Rev. R. H. Trojan, of Astoria, Ore., was convention chaplain and Miss Geleste I. Albin, of Portland, Ore., was song leader.

This district is one of the leaders in the plan of working under a set of efficiency goals. It also publishes its own monthly paper, the Columbia District *Bulletin*, which was inaugurated in 1922.

The convention will meet next year in Vancouver, Wash.

Items from *The Bulletin*.

President William E. Salzmann has found it necessary to resign his office—for health's sake.

Mr. Salzmann has been our district president for the past five years and during this time he has given the best of both his time and talents to work of this office. Gifted with rare ability and with a wide knowledge of young people's work, he has filled the president's chair as only he could fill it. We hope his "farewell" is only a short "auf wiedersehn" and that in the best of health he may soon be with us again.

MARYLAND SYNOD

The fifth annual convention of the Luther League of the Maryland Synod will be held at Smithsburg, Washington County, Md., Wednesday and Thursday, July 21 and 22. Any person desiring any information concerning the convention should address Miss Mabel G. Smith, Smithsburg, Md.

From The News Letter: It is not too early to plan for a worth while vacation. Why not consider a well balanced program of study and recreation? Gettysburg Assembly this summer will have an added attraction in the person of Mrs. S. T. Peterson, the efficient Secretary of the Luther League of America.

On Wednesday evening, January 27, St. Mark's, Washington, Luther League held their special Andhra Christian College service. A fine program brought forth a splendid offering for the cause, which will be used to help pay off the $50 the League pledged.

Epiphany League, Washington, entertained the district at a rally on March 2. Rev. Oscar Blackwelder and Miss Olga Linsenmeyer were the speakers.

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